



Wednesday, 10 September 2025

Dear Member

South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board

You are requested to attend a meeting of the above Board to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 17 September 2025

Time: 13:00

Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Members

Councillor Joe Fagan

Paul Manning, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

John Binning, Principal Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Cheryl Burnett, Representative, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

Christine Calder, Manager, Seniors Together

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Fiona Cook, Lead Manager, sportscotland

Lynne Cooper, Regional Director, VisitScotland

Julie Coyle, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland

Stephen Frew, Partnerships (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Economic Development, Scottish Enterprise

Clare Hicks, Director of Education Reform, Scottish Government

Martin Hill, Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Board

Thomas Keay, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Jennifer Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, Chief Executive's Service, South Lanarkshire Council

Hisashi Kuboyama, Development Manager, West of Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses

Tom Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, Chief Executive's Service, South Lanarkshire Council

Louise Long, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire

Catriona Mason, Chairperson, Seniors Together

Stella McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire College

Nick Lansdell, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

Stephen Nesbit, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Elizabeth O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, University of the West of Scotland

Josephine Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire

Soumen Sengupta, Director, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership

Callum Smith, Operations Manager, NatureScot

Vicky Watson, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland

Jimmy Wilson, Interim Chief Executive Officer, VASLan

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- 18 **Any Other Competent Business**
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are competent.

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SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Note of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 18 June 2025

Chair:

Councillor Joe Fagan, Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

Partners Present:

C Burnett, Representative, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership
 A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
 J Coyle, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland
 C Hicks, Director of Education Reform, Scottish Government
 M Hill, Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Board
 T Keay, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
 J Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council
 N Lansdell, Interim Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture
 T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council
 L Long, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire
 P Manning, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
 S McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire College
 J Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire
 S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership
 V Watson, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland

Also Attending:

D Brady, Tackling Poverty Officer, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council
 L Cunningham, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 K McLeod, Administration Assistant, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 S McLeod, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 C Mitchell, Interim Head of Housing Services, Housing and Technical Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 A Murray, Community Planning Adviser, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council
 E Paterson, Community Planning Officer, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council
 J Smith, Strategy Co-ordinator (Energy and Decarbonisation), Housing and Technical Resources

Apologies:

C Mason, Chairperson, Seniors Together
 J Wilson, Interim Chief Executive Officer, VASLan

Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed N Lansdell, Interim Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, L Long, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire and Chief Superintendent V Watson, Police Scotland to the meeting.

Order of Business

The Board decided: that the items of business be dealt with in the order minuted below.

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Note of Previous Meeting

The note of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 5 March 2025 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

Outcome(s): Note of meeting approved as a correct record.

3 Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Director of Public Health (DPH) and Health Policy, NHS Lanarkshire was submitted providing an overview of the NHS Lanarkshire Director of Public Health (DPH) Annual Report for 2024.

The DPH Annual report for 2024 focused on the health of infants, children and young people, addressing public health priorities such as child poverty, mental health, vaccination, oral health, breastfeeding and screening programmes. The annual report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, also highlighted the challenges and progress in improving population health and reducing inequalities, with a strong emphasis on children's rights under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Key highlights relating to the health of the population and key points relating to child health were detailed in the report.

L Long highlighted the issue of how the community planning partners would get the message out regarding the uptake of vaccinations and also referred to the publication of Scotland's Population Health Framework and Service Renewal Framework and her hope that North and South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Boards work jointly in terms of prevention and taking work away from the acute sites.

C Burnett echoed L Long's comments and added that the data was very interesting and questioned what the detriments were that were causing life expectancies in North Lanarkshire to be lower than South Lanarkshire.

The Chair stated that a benefit of the Board was that all the key organisations were represented and there was an opportunity to relay some of the messaging around issues such as prevention and vaccination to the relevant networks.

Outcome(s): Noted.

4 Marmot Place Programme – Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland

A report dated 28 May 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of the Community Planning Partnership's (CPP) participation in the Marmot Place Programme - Collaboration for Health Equality in Scotland (CHES) project.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the background to the Marmot Place Project
- ◆ the phases of the Programme:-
 - ◆ phase 1 – data and evidence analysis
 - ◆ phase 2 – system analysis – applying the approach
 - ◆ phase 3 – development of recommendations for action
 - ◆ phase 4 – collaborating on shared learning
- ◆ the ongoing work on the implementation and development of the Marmot approach in South Lanarkshire

The Chair and J Kerr responded to members' questions in relation to:-

- ◆ how to involve the public and relevant stakeholders and share data in terms of identifying priorities
- ◆ sharing learning with the North Lanarkshire CPP Board
- ◆ how the project would relate to other work, such as the ongoing research into the uptake of HPV vaccinations in areas of deprivation
- ◆ what horizon scanning would be undertaken as part of the project
- ◆ Scotland's Population Health Framework, which included priorities in relation to weight management and the food environment, and to what extent that should be reflected in the project

P Manning referred to the benefit of continued engagement and stated that the project launch event had been very successful. He added that there was a requirement to continue to expand engagement and look at inventive ways to cascade information in terms of prioritisation.

J Pravinkumar advised that Lanarkshire had the highest figures across the Boards in terms of HPV vaccination uptake although there remained a gradient between males and females and work continued to address this.

Outcome(s): Noted.

J Pravinkumar left the meeting after this item of business

5 Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership in South Lanarkshire and the supports provided by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Officer.

The Community Partnership had met once since the last Board meeting, in May 2025, to meet the new Community Development Officer (CDO) and discuss progress to date and agree steps for moving forward. Details of engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnership's Improvement Plan were provided in the report and an update on the progress of the Community Partnership was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s): Progress to date and continued support provided by the CPP Development Officer noted.

[Reference: Note of 5 March 2025 (Paragraph 3)]

6 Clydesdale Community Partnership Update

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of the Clydesdale Community Partnership in South Lanarkshire and the supports provided by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Officer.

The Community Partnership had met twice since the last Board meeting, with development work ongoing to increase the understanding of the Community Partnership model and increase attendance at meetings. Details of engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnership's Improvement Plan were provided in the report and an update on the progress of the Community Partnership was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s): Progress to date and continued support provided by the CPP Development Officer noted.

[Reference: Note of 5 March 2025 (Paragraph 3)]

7 East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership Update

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of the East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership in South Lanarkshire and the supports provided by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Officer.

Details of engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnership's Improvement Plan were provided in the report and an update on the progress of the Community Partnership was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s): Progress to date and continued support provided by the CPP Development Officer noted.

[Reference: Note of 5 March 2025 (Paragraph 3)]

8 Hamilton Area Community Partnership Update

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of the Hamilton Area Community Partnership in South Lanarkshire and the supports provided by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Officer.

Details of engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnership's Improvement Plan were provided in the report and an update on the progress of the Community Partnership was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

There followed discussion relating to items 6, 7 and 8, as minuted, during which C Burnett commended the work being carried out by the Partnership's Community Development Officer.

The Chair, J Kerr and P Manning responded to questions in relation to:-

- ◆ the community's perception of the local authority's priorities and understanding of the role of the CPP
- ◆ the size of the localities being perceived as a barrier
- ◆ a community approach to joint working

The Chair, P Manning and L Long undertook to attend local Community Partnership meetings to get a better understanding of the issues that were being raised.

Outcome(s): Progress to date and continued support provided by the CPP Development Officer noted.

[Reference: Note of 5 March 2025 (Paragraph 3)]

J Coyle left during the above item of business and L Long and S McManus left after the above item of business

9 Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report

A report dated 28 May 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) budget and expenditure for 2024/2025 as at 31 March 2025 (Period 14).

As outlined at Appendix 1 to the report, the total available for 2024/2025 was £87,342. This left a carry forward of £44,301.14 to the 2025/2026 budget.

The total available budget for 2025/2026 was £89,651.14, which reflected the balance carried forward of £44,301.14 and annual income of £45,350. There was no expenditure as at the end of Period 1 (2025/2026).

The forecast spend for 2025/2026 was £89,651.14 and a draft spending plan was attached at Appendix 3 to the report.

At its meeting held on 4 December 2024, the Board approved the funding arrangements for the Community Partnership Development Officer post from 1 March 2025 and the associated costs, including an increase in National Insurance contributions from 1 April 2025 and an estimated pay award had been reflected in the budget, as detailed at Appendix 2 to the report.

For 2025/2026, £2,500 had been allocated for the Lived Experience Fund in addition to the £11,000 carried forward from 2024/2025, giving a total of £13,500, as detailed at Appendix 2 to the report.

A further update on the CPP budget would be provided at the next Board meeting.

Outcome(s):

- (1) Final outturn position on the Community Planning Partnership Budget as at 31 March 2025 (Period 14) noted.
- (2) Proposed budget and spending plan for 2025/2026, as detailed at Appendices 2 and 3 to the report, approved.

[Reference: Note of 4 December 2024 (Paragraph 4) and note of 5 March 2025 (Paragraph 5)]

J Pravinkumar re-joined the meeting after this item of business

10 Lived Experience Fund 2024/2025 Applications

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted advising on the:-

- ♦ approved Lived Experience Fund applications from the second funding campaign for 2024/2025
- ♦ allocation of funding from the 2024/2025 Lived Experience Fund budget

As reported to the Board at its meeting held on 18 September 2024, the first round of funding from the Lived Experience Fund had been approved by the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership with successful applications received from the Break Through Youth Project and Project 31 who had been awarded £1,500 and £1,460 respectively.

Following approval by the Board, applications for funding for 2024/2025 had been invited over a 6-week period, commencing on 24 February 2025.

A total of 21 applications had been received and assessed with 11 meeting the standard criteria. Details of the applicants, purpose of grants and amounts awarded were provided at Appendix 1 to the report. A range of methods would be used to gather feedback on the projects, how the funds were spent and how many people had been engaged with.

The current position of the Lived Experience funding allocation was as follows:-

Total allocation for Lived Experience Fund 2024/2025	£13,960
Lived Experience Funding approved (campaign 1)	£2,960
Lived Experience Funding approved (campaign 2)	£5,500
Remaining balance	£5,500
Total (carried forward to the 2025/2026 campaign)	£5,500

Outcome(s): Lived Experience Fund awards from the second funding campaign for 2024/2025, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, noted.

[Reference: Note of 18 September 2024 (Paragraph 6)]

11 Community Planning Partnership Governance Update

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) governance arrangements.

The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework and Partner Commitments 2025, attached as Appendix to the report, had been updated to include the Marmot Place Programme and updated governance arrangements for the Children's Services Partnership and the Health and Social Care Partnership.

Following the successful application to become a Marmot Place and in order to further strengthen the membership of the CPP Partnership and Board, it was recommended that the remaining statutory partners, as set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and detailed below, that were not currently members be invited to join the Partnership and Board:-

- ◆ Historic Environment Scotland
- ◆ NatureScot
- ◆ Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
- ◆ SportsScotland
- ◆ VisitScotland

A list of all the statutory partners set out in the Act, as well as non-statutory members of the CPP Board, was provided at Appendix 2 to the report.

Outcome(s):

- (1) Updated South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework and Partner Commitments 2025, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, approved.
- (2) Proposal to invite the statutory partners, as detailed above, to join the Community Planning Partnership Board approved.

12 South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board Strategic Commissioning Plan

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Chief Officer, South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board was submitted providing an overview of the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) Strategic Commissioning Plan (SCP) 2025 to 2028.

The SCP, 2025 to 2028, approved at the IJB on 18 March 2025 included the following 5 strategic goals:-

- ◆ Nurture - to support more children to reach their developmental milestones
- ◆ Access - to improve the accessibility and range of primary care services
- ◆ Flow – to shift the balance of care from acute to community services, including reducing delayed discharges
- ◆ Recovery – to reduce harm from substance misuse and reduce drug related deaths
- ◆ Protect – to strengthen public protection arrangements to help keep vulnerable children and adults safe from harm

The SCP had been presented to the NHS Lanarkshire Board and South Lanarkshire Council's Executive Committee and would also be shared with other stakeholders and key groups such as the Health and Social Care Forum.

Outcome(s): Noted.

13 South Lanarkshire's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) Update Report

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Interim Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted on:-

- ◆ key actions progressed since the approval of the LHEES in June 2024
- ◆ key considerations on actions proposed for delivery as part of the LHEES in 2025/2026

The priorities set out in the LHEES were as follows:-

- ◆ Priority 1 - Reduce heat demand using a fabric first approach to improve the condition and energy efficiency of housing across all tenures to ensure that poor energy performance is removed as a driver of fuel poverty
- ◆ Priority 2 - Transition to zero direct emissions heating systems in buildings across South Lanarkshire to tackle climate change
- ◆ Priority 3 - Make greater use of heat networks as part of the wider just transition to net zero

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ progress achieved to date in relation to the:-
 - ◆ social rented housing sector and Council owned public buildings
 - ◆ development and submission of 2 significant funding bids to progress heat network opportunities in East Kilbride and Hamilton
- ◆ the focus for 2025/2026 to ensure that work had commenced across all 3 priorities set out in the LHEES
- ◆ next steps including presenting an annual report on progress to South Lanarkshire Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Committee

J Smith responded to members' questions in relation to:-

- ◆ the use of prepayment meters
- ◆ the potential requirement for air conditioning as the climate warms
- ◆ engagement with energy advisers in terms of communication and signposting
- ◆ public engagement in relation to heat networks

J Kerr referred to the results of the Scottish Climate Survey and the requirement to increase public awareness of the need to act in terms of climate change and the understanding and uptake of adaptations.

Outcome(s): **(1)** Update on actions progressed since the approval of the LHEES noted.
 (2) Considerations relating to actions to be progressed in 2025/2026 noted.

14 Community Planning Board Bulletin

The Community Planning Board Bulletin of 18 June 2025 was submitted providing information on:-

- ◆ National CPP Self-Assessment Outcomes
- ◆ Community Engagement and Participation Strategy Update
- ◆ Housing Options Pathways Update
- ◆ Scottish Climate Survey
- ◆ Adaptation Scotland – Public Sector Handbook and Starter Pack
- ◆ Good Food Nation Plan
- ◆ Marmot Launch Event Report

Outcome(s): Noted.

[Reference: Note of 5 March 2025 (Paragraph15)]

15 South Lanarkshire Register of Information

A report dated 5 June 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing a summary of information which had been circulated to Community Planning Partners between 8 February and 23 May 2025, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s): Noted.

[Reference: Note of 5 March 2025 (Paragraph 12)]

16 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday, 17 September 2025 at 1.00pm.

17 Any Other Competent Business

There were no other items of competent business.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Heather Robertson, Community Planning Community Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: heather.robertson2@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the Community Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1, and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.
Risks/Challenges:	Section 8 provides a summary of the risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register relating to community participation and engagement.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources. ♦ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better. ♦ Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work. ♦ Principles: Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Openness and Trust.
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Section 3, paragraph 3.2 sets out the purpose of the latest meeting of the Partnership. ♦ Section 4 sets out progress against the delivery of the Community Partnership Improvement Plan. ♦ Section 5 provides an update on the imminent change to the Partnerships Community Development Officer's contract. ♦ Appendix 1 contains the Partnership's progress update.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Community Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1, and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer (CDO) and Progress Group, be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Partnership is one of the four locality partnerships where community representatives from community councils and other community bodies come together to discuss common issues and report to the Community Planning Partnership on the discussions and look at improvement actions/options. An update on activity is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership has met once since the last Board meeting. The purpose of the meeting which took place in August 2025 was to meet with the new CDO and discuss progress to date and agree steps for moving forward.
- 3.3. Following agreement by the CPP Board on 18 September 2024, a new CDO was recruited and commenced this role on 1 December 2024. The CDO will continue to increase capacity, hold frequent meetings and assist with any problems that can be resolved with council colleagues and other agencies. Further details of the work being progressed is detailed below.

4. Community Partnership Improvement Plan

- 4.1. Engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnership's Improvement Plan continues. The following provides an update on progress to date:-

- **Communications** – each Community Partnership now has their own identity; Web pages have been developed for all Community Partnerships. Partnership's receive monthly information updates on national policy and strategy and local activity and events of interest to their wider communities.
- **Community Leadership** – The CDO continues to engage with local organisations and groups to build capacity and increase local awareness of the partnerships. This has led to an increase in the number of new members joining the partnership. Immediate benefits for members have been achieved by introducing groups and organisations to each other, exchanging good practice, information, and offers to support each other. Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships have now completed their self-assessment with the Improvement Service and improvement actions will now be progressed. Work continues to have all four Partnerships represented on the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board. They have all agreed this is a priority action and work will continue to support potential/current Chairs/Depute Chairs to participate at that level. Work continues with key council leads who work with young people to develop a process for engaging with them at a local level. Ideas are being discussed, and arrangements will be made to have an event with young people to discuss their views on the inequalities that they experience and how we can work better together to enable change.
- **Data and profiling** – review of the Neighbourhood Planning Profiles; Deprivation Profiles; and the Deprivation Heat Maps. These are all longer-term actions.
- **Good Governance** – All partnership Terms of Reference documents are currently being reviewed by the partnerships. The self-assessment process has highlighted several areas for improvement in terms of supporting Community Partnership volunteers, including improving induction arrangements. Work has started to co-produce an induction process and materials for new members.
- **Monitoring and reporting** –The development of a Community Partnership Performance and Reporting Framework is a longer-term action and will be aligned with planned evaluation work in Neighbourhood Planning areas.
- **Statutory Remit** –To date, the CDO has met approx. 200 local people, groups, partner agencies and organisations as possible, increasing awareness of statutory CPP duties and sharing the opportunities presented through the partnerships, where local voices can be heard to enable change.
- **Volunteers** – Asking local members about their preferences will help them better understand the CPP and how it can help them effect change. Work continues to support volunteers to participate in Community Planning, a learning and development survey has been developed to better understand the needs of volunteers. A learning and development plan will be created from the feedback for delivery with support from partners.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. Community Partnership activity has been delivered by the Partnership's CDO on a full-time basis from 1 April 2025 with a planned end date of 30 September 2025. From 1 October 2025, the Board has agreed that the officer will move to part-time hours until the end of the funding on 31 March 2026. Whilst the work to develop the partnerships continues to progress at pace, the significant number of new groups that have newly engaged, means that the development needs of the volunteers and the partnerships continue to be a significant area of full-time work. Further information is contained in the budget report for the board to consider.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Delivery costs associated with the recruitment of the Partnership's Community Development Officer. This is funded through the Community Planning budget.

7 Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to Community Engagement and Participation are set out in the table below. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

Risk Card Reference	Risk Classification	Risk Summary
CPP/2018/001	Very High	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032
CPP/2018/002	Very High	The CPP fail to engage effectively with communities (as required in the Community Empowerment Act and as a requirement to deliver the new Community Plan) in the planning, design and delivery of improved outcomes and inequalities

9. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

- 9.1. There are no Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. This report is produced by the Community Partnership in consultation with its members.

Paul Manning
Chief Executive
South Lanarkshire Council

27 August 2025

Contact for Further Information:

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Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update Report

The purpose of the meeting which took place in August 2025 was to update progress and agree steps for moving forward.

Current Activity:

Priority areas for discussion includes the following areas:-

- **Partnership's Terms of Reference** – this continues to be an area of focus for the partnership;
- **Constitution for the group** - this is still being considered;
- **Self-Assessment outcomes and learning and development needs** – an improvement plan has been developed to support further discussions with members to agree actions for implementation;
- **Update on the Local Police Scotland report and timescales for when the office in Cambuslang will be reopened** – The Cambuslang office is opening in August 2025, and Officers from Rutherglen will also be based there;
- **Water safety and wildfire update from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;**
- **New Priorities from the local Neighbourhood Plans** – see update below;
- **Update from VASLan on the Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) changes** – VASLan will attend partnership meetings to share information;
- **Capacity Building** - Continuing to build capacity to support more local group representatives to attend and participate in Community Partnership meetings; and
- **Pest control issue within flatted properties on Mill Road, Cambuslang** – Discussions have taken place with Environmental Health Services colleagues who currently have a plan in place and will continue to monitor this. Colleagues from Housing and Technical Resources have been advised and are working closely with residents on how waste should be disposed of whilst the situation is being addressed.

Community Partnership Self-Assessment Update

Continued member meetings will entail conversations aimed at developing a long-term strategy that encourages new members to participate.

Arrangements to be made for a training session, an orientation, and other assistance that participants in the Community Partnership may need.

Neighbourhood Planning Priority Themes and Participatory Budgeting (PB) Funding

The re-prioritisation of the Neighbourhood Planning priority themes has been completed by local communities and has informed the current round of Participatory Budgeting funding.

There have been significant concerns raised regarding the PB process. Residents and groups feel that the process has not been consistent across each locality area within Cambuslang and Rutherglen. Some have had stakeholder meetings to discuss their proposals and others have not. A lot of issues have been raised, and members seek clarification on the process and further discussion.

Partner update: In response to feedback from previous rounds of Participatory budgeting, processes were reviewed for this round to ensure a consistent approach across all neighbourhood planning areas. Stakeholder groups and previous applicants were invited to participate in an Advisory Group that went through feedback from the previous round and developed a set of consistent guidance that were piloted in this round. Feedback from this round so far has identified that each area would like to determine its own thresholds for maximum awards rather than have one consistent one. Further evaluation of the changes tested out during this round will be undertaken in September 2025 and all Stakeholder groups and applicants will be invited again to participate in this. The evaluation will amend the guidance to offer flexibility for local stakeholder groups to have a fair, open, transparent processes in place to allow for local decision making on thresholds and other topics of importance. Items in this guidance will be consulted on in a PB style survey in all areas.

General Updates

The Development Officer works with officers from across the partnership to increase their awareness of local issues and challenges and support them to work with the partnership to resolve these issues.

Camglen Radio continues to offer a platform for communities to showcase local work

Fernhill residents have challenged bus services which were being discontinued, however have now been reinstated, providing an hourly service. Bus is their only means of travel by public transport in their area.

The Community Partnership Chair has now been provided with a partnership email address.

Other areas of progress

- The Partnership and staff representing the CPP continue to work collaboratively to promote wider community awareness of the availability of services, activities and opportunities provided at a locality level.
- The Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership continues to foster good relationships with all Community Partnerships and provides support to other emerging Locality Partnerships.
- The Community Partnership intend to hold a future meeting to discuss moving to a constitutional model. The purpose of this meeting will be to share their experiences and discuss how they have reached this stage to consider moving to this type of model.
- They continue to share funding opportunities for new or established groups that need this type of support within this community.
- Highbacks, Burnhill - discussions have taken place with the council's Ground Maintenance Services regarding the Highbacks on the removal of waste and supporting community clear up activity before the summer months. This issue is ongoing and will continue.

Moving forward

Further to an extensive period of face-to-face engagement with individuals and community groups across South Lanarkshire, the CDO has compiled a list of common areas for improvement across all localities and will continue to work with partnership officers and community volunteers to better understand local issues and challenges, and to action these:-

- **Litter and Fly Tipping** – Litter and fly tipping levels have increased. Uplifts can only be booked online which is challenging if you do not have an IT device. Feedback received is that the council's website is difficult to navigate and needs simplified.

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Partner Update: Discussions have been ongoing with the council's Roads and Lighting Management Team to highlight local issues and challenges. The team has offered to attend all Community Partnership meetings to discuss these issues and their current Roads Investment Programme.

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- **Public Transport** – Issues with public transport have been highlighted by families who cannot visit neighbouring communities and attend after-school events or a family night out as buses do not operate late into the evening, leaving them without a way to return home. Travel delays are also caused by the timetables for buses and trains not being connected. Peak time morning buses are full at the times when young people are also travelling to school, making it difficult for commuters to get to work on time. It is perceived that with the changes to free school transport, that these services will be impacted further.

Partner Update: Discussions have taken place with SPT; however, issues mainly relate to bus service providers. With regards to the changes to free school transport, the council is monitoring this now that the schools have returned.

- **Neighbourhood Planning Priority Areas** - In addition, the following is a summarised list of the top five most important priorities set by the communities across the nine statutory Neighbourhood Planning areas. The stakeholders use these to identify priority actions, deliver activities, and influence change with the support of CPP partners. The Participatory Budgeting process also aligns with these themes. These will assist the partnerships in determining which issues are most important to local residents and how to align these with the common themes highlighted above and other local priorities. The Board is asked to note that these priorities are currently being reviewed by the Neighbourhood Planning areas and are the subject of a separate report to the Board. The revised list will be included in the Community Partnership's December Report.

Top 5 Neighbourhood Planning priorities as of October 2024:

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Heather Robertson, Community Planning Community Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: heather.robertson2@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Clydesdale Community Partnership.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1 and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.
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Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ The progress update for Clydesdale Community Partnership is set out at Appendix 1. ♦ This update provides a summary of the last two meetings of the Community Partnership which have focussed specifically on locality maps for future community conversations, as well as discussions on community matters, based on the priorities of the Clydesdale communities.

Report

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Clydesdale Community Partnership.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1 and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer (CDO) and Progress Group, be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Clydesdale Community Partnership is one of the four locality partnerships where community representatives from community councils and other community bodies come together to discuss common issues and report to the Community Planning Partnership on the discussions and look at improvement actions/options. An update on activity is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2. Clydesdale Community Partnership have met twice over the last couple of months. Development work has continued over this time, looking to increase the understanding of the Community Partnership model and increase attendance at the meeting. The recruitment of a dedicated officer to support Partnerships across South Lanarkshire means that the Community Partnerships develop in terms of membership and build capacity.

4. Community Partnership Improvement Plan

4.1. Engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnerships Improvement Plan continues. The following provides an update on progress to date:-

- **Communications** – each Community Partnership now has their own identity; Web pages have been developed for all Community Partnerships.

- **Community Leadership** – The CDO continues to engage with local organisations and groups to build capacity and increase local awareness of the partnerships. This has led to new members joining the partnership and sharing their views. Groups and organisations have been introduced to each other, exchanging good practice, information, and supporting each other. Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships have now completed their self-assessment with the Improvement Service and improvement actions will now be progressed. Work continues to have all four Partnerships represented on the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board. They have all agreed this is a priority action and work will continue to support potential/current Chairs/Depute Chairs. Work continues with key council leads who work with young people to develop a process for engaging with them at a local level. Ideas are being discussed, and arrangements will be made to have an event with young people to discuss their views on the inequalities that they experience and how we can work better together to enable change.
- **Good Governance** – All partnership Terms of Reference documents are currently being reviewed.
- **Monitoring and reporting** – The development of a Community Partnership Performance and Reporting Framework is a longer-term action.
- **Statutory Remit** – The CDO is meeting as many local people, groups, partner agencies and organisations as possible, increasing awareness of statutory CPP duties and sharing the opportunities presented through the partnerships, where local voices can be heard to enable change.
- **Volunteers** – Asking local members about their preferences will help them better understand the CPP and how it can help them effect change. Work continues to support volunteers to participate in Community Planning, a learning and development survey has been developed to better understand the needs of volunteers. A learning and development plan will be created from the feedback for delivery with support from partners.

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- 5.1. Community Partnership activity has been delivered by the Partnership's CDO on a full-time basis from 1 April 2025 with a planned end date of 30 September 2025. From 1 October 2025, the Board has agreed that the officer will move to part-time hours until the end of the funding on 31 March 2026. Whilst the work to develop the partnerships continues to progress at pace, the significant number of new groups that have newly engaged, means that the development needs of the volunteers and the partnerships continue to be a significant area of full-time work. Further information is contained in the budget report for the board to consider.

6. **Financial Implications**

- 6.1. Delivery costs associated with the recruitment of the Partnership's Community Development Officer which is funded through the Community Planning budget.

7. **Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

8. **Other Implications**

- 8.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to Community Engagement and Participation are set out in the table below. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

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9. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

- 9.1. There are no Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. This report is produced by the Community Partnership in consultation with its members.

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Clydesdale Community Partnership Progress Update

General update

The Partnership continues discussions covering locality maps for future community conversations and determining the priorities of the smaller rural communities that affect people's daily life.

Structural changes to the Community Partnership

There has been a lot of change in the partnership due to individuals leaving the partnership and moving on to other groups. The Community Partnership Development Officer has continued to engage with many organisations and groups in the Clydesdale area to develop a better understanding of the work of the Community Planning Partnership, build capacity of those individuals who wish to participate, and to increase membership.

The discussions are focussed on how we address and identify commonality in all areas while talking about priorities that can range significantly throughout the many communities in the Clydesdale area. There is a preference to have smaller local 'community conversations' to ensure that there is a space for everyone's voices to be heard. Information from the smaller community conversations would then feed up into the Community Partnership meeting and provide an opportunity to identify common themes which the partnership could then take forward.

The CDO's colleagues from the council's Community Engagement Team will provide smaller maps incorporating areas that border each other, showing boundaries and the division of wards which should help when considering what works best for them, and whether they identify as a community with these boundaries or have more in common with other areas. The CDO will continue to assist by facilitating smaller group discussions as the work progresses.

Questions around Community Asset Transfers have been highlighted for a nursery and s regarding a local access path to the nursery. Both have been addressed by the council's Community Asset Transfer Officer and Planning Services.

Areas discussed for future action

- **Banking Services** - The Community Partnership would like to find out more about 'Banking Hubs'. It was suggested that Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership representatives who already have a successful hub be invited to share their story. This will be discussed in due course as the Camglen Hub is currently under revision and moving premises.
- **Community Councils** - As there is currently no Community Council in Kirkmuirhill and Blackwood, Auchenheath Development Trust hopes to be part of another one. Discussions have taken place with the council regarding Community Council governance and this has been shared with the community.
- **Open Space and infrastructure** - Consider further opportunities to use open spaces, upkeep of green spaces and any green space allocations that can be assessed for sustainable growth. Some areas have poor infrastructure and don't have a local shop. Council staff, along with some community members, have cut back and cleared pathways.

- **Roads, Pavements and Public Transport** - Heavy traffic on village roads at the Kirkfieldbank area is a concern as pavements and roads are broken making it unsafe for pedestrian use. Consideration could be given to a bypass to alleviate heavy traffic. Public Parking, volume of traffic, and public transport services are issues in Biggar. There have been discussions with Roads and Transportation Services who will engage directly with the Community Partnerships.
- **New Housing Development Infrastructure** - Planning for new housing developments should consider the infrastructure that the community needs. This should be included as part of the development build.
- **Active Travel** - Although cycling is encouraged, the poor maintenance of the roads and trails in rural areas means that there is too much risk to cycle to and from work.
- **Physical Activity** - There are challenges accessing the Clyde Walkway as the Carluke Burn has brambles which obstruct the water's movement, causing it to flood the embankment meaning pathways are muddy and can't be used. Council staff, along with some community members, have cut back and cleared pathways.
- **Historic Buildings** - The old Braidwood House has become a derelict building with lots of history attached, and although the locals would like to try to repair it, they need help and direction. The local Community Council and groups are looking into this.

Overall, the same issues are evolving with mostly roads, public transport, litter and fly tipping.

Communications Update

The Community Partnership Development Officer has carried out extensive engagement and has met with many local groups and partner agencies to hear more about local issues and the challenges faced in terms of tackling inequalities across the Clydesdale area.

The Community Partnership are looking to continue and progress the development of communications and content on the CPP website with support from the Partnership's CDO.

Community Partnership Self-Assessment Update

Meeting agendas for new members who wish to become active in Community Planning will continue to include discussions with members and the plan to come together for delivery. Arrangements will be made for a training session, an orientation and other assistance that participants in the Community Partnership may need.

Capacity Building Update: Identifying Learning and Development needs

The CDO is meeting as many local people, groups, partner agencies and organisations as possible sharing the unique opportunity, increasing awareness of statutory CPP duties and where local voices can be heard to influence change.

Local members are being asked about their preferences which will help them better understand the CPP and how it can help them effect change. The members also want a better induction process.

There was a suggestion of having a rotational Chair arrangement and anyone interested in taking on the role of Chair has been requested to contact the Partnership's CDO.

The CDO has also encouraged all Community Partnership members to review the current Terms of Reference.

Future Actions

Future actions all relate to the arrangements for meetings, learning and development, communications and improvement.

- Review meeting structures (as outlined above).
- The Community Partnership will review their Terms of Reference.
- Future Partnership Chair/Vice Chair arrangements to be clarified.
- Members of the partnership will be invited to identify any learning and development needs.
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Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Section 3, paragraph 3.2 sets out the purpose of the latest meeting of the Partnership. ♦ Section 4 sets out progress against the delivery of the Community Partnership Improvement Plan. ♦ Section 5 provides an update on the imminent change to the Partnerships Community Development Officer's contract. ♦ Appendix 1 contains the Partnership's progress update.

Report

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East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership Progress Update

General update

The partnership's Community Development Officer (CDO) continues to map all key groups in the locality and regularly carries out face-to-face and online communication of CPP objectives and activities with these groups through attendance at their meetings.

Conversations continue by the CDO with residents, groups, organisations and partner agencies to increase capacity to participate in Community Planning through supporting them to understand the work of the CPP and what this could mean for them.

Progress to date

More individual meetings with smaller groups have been very successful and allowed the CDO to help directly with smaller issues that can be met by colleagues and partner agencies. Creating a new plan from the self-assessments in other localities will help every group with an introduction session explaining what the Community Partnership is and what it wants to achieve, the importance of being part of and how local voice can influence change. IT training and any other training will be identified for local residents and groups to feel included in making decisions working collaboratively with others to come up with commonalities across all 4 localities.

When the group come together, it has become apparent they are understanding processes but have many issues they would like solutions to and want to challenge some decision making.

It was decided at earlier sessions to add the local Third Sector Network to the Partnership's membership. The Third Sector Network and all other meetings and platforms have been attended by the CDO. Members of these organisations have developed strong relationships with the partnership, and Healthy and Active have been helpful in arranging in-person meetings at their premises.

The following issues are still being highlighted following on from the LDP3s conversations that were facilitated by the CDO and Community Planning Partners:

- An increase in litter and fly tipping was reported across the whole locality.
- Potholes need fixed and pathways and pavements upgraded.
- Questions were asked about the process for Windfarm applications as residents do not want more wind turbines in the area; and they wanted to know how they can lobby against future applications.
- Concerns around the number of churches and local community halls that are closing, leaving fewer places for worship or group meetings.
- New build housing estates lack community infrastructure, with specific mention of the provision of local health services.
- The volume of traffic in Jackton and Thorntonhall is significant as a result of construction traffic and an increase in general traffic due to the number of new houses built, with no additional infrastructure.
- Strathaven residents are concerned about losing some of their public park and are seeking confirmation as to whether some of the park will be used for housing development.
- Challenges highlighted with travelling to other areas as bus and train timetables do not connect.
- There has been significant investment in cycle paths in East Kilbride which don't seem to be getting used.

- Many local bank branches have closed and an alternative service is required, such as banking hubs.
- Better information is required which details alternative service locations when libraries and post offices are closed permanently.

Thorntonhall Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

This issue has caused concern for residents who have emphasised their concerns regarding the development at Meikle Dripps Farm. The issue has been ongoing for some time, and they expressed concerns regarding local authority input on supporting them. The CDO worked closely with the council's Planning Services and other departments to get proper information and shared the results. Residents now understand, as a consultee in this planning application, the decision does not sit with the local authority and that an EIA is not something a council would ever carry out. The decision is made with the developer and the Scottish Government with it being agreed no Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) was required and applications have now been agreed. The group are happy to have firm answers and now understand they can challenge other issues ie: traffic diversions for 2 years and more, climate issues and the heavy traffic coming through a small village.

Eaglesham Road

Also highlighted as an area that developers left without a pavement and refused to carry out maintenance to the existing paths. This was brought to the attention of the council's Roads Department, who contacted the resident and persuaded the developer to help by talking to the residents and finishing the work with an emphasis on finding solutions.

The CDO has worked with council colleagues to share information with the Community Partnership on some of the issues highlighted. This further highlights the value of the Community Partnership approach and the ways in which problems may be resolved through improved communication and better sharing of information.

The next meeting of the Community Partnership will include discussions regarding membership, nominating a Chair for the Partnership and planning future priorities for the group. Face-to-face meetings have been the groups preferred option, and the Partnership have been using the Connected East Kilbride offices as a meeting venue.

Over the next few months, the CDO will continue to attend further meetings of local groups to encourage participation.

Moving forward

Further to an extensive period of face-to-face engagement with individuals and community groups across South Lanarkshire, the CDO has compiled a list of common areas for improvement across all localities and will continue to work with partnership officers and community volunteers to better understand local issues and challenges, and to action these:-

- **Litter and Fly Tipping** – Litter and fly tipping levels have increased. Uplifts can only be booked online which is challenging if you do not have an IT device. Feedback received is that the council's website is difficult to navigate and needs simplified.

Partner Update: Discussions have taken place with the council's Grounds Maintenance and Waste Management Teams to better understand their experiences of the digital challenges highlighted. To arrange an uplift, customers can access the service themselves through the council's website or can speak to a Customer Service Officer. Plans are in place to review the council website, and accessibility will be a key priority. Discussions continue with these services to highlight and address local issues and challenges relating to Litter and Fly Tipping.

- **Roads and Pavements** - The poor condition of pavements and roads with potholes.

Partner Update: Discussions have been ongoing with the council's Roads and Lighting Management Team to highlight local issues and challenges. The team has offered to attend all Community Partnership meetings to discuss these issues and their current Roads Investment Programme.

- **Pest Control** – Environmental concerns highlighted relating to localised incidences of rats when the earth is disturbed for new house construction.

Partner Update: Further to discussions with the council's Environmental Health Service and Housing and Technical Resources, they have advised that they are aware of the issues highlighted and have plans in place to monitor and resolve these issues.

- **Public Transport** – Issues with public transport have been highlighted by families who cannot visit neighbouring communities and attend after-school events or a family night out as buses do not operate late into the evening, leaving them without a way to return home. Travel delays are also caused by the timetables for buses and trains not being connected. Peak time morning buses are full at the times when young people are also travelling to school, making it difficult for commuters to get to work on time. It is perceived that with the changes to free school transport, that these services will be impacted further.

Partner Update: Discussions have taken place with SPT; however, issues mainly relate to bus service providers. With regards to the changes to free school transport, the council is monitoring this now that the schools have returned.

- **Neighbourhood Planning Priority Areas** - In addition, the following is a summarised list of the top five most important priorities set by the communities across the nine statutory Neighbourhood Planning areas. The stakeholders use these to identify priority actions, deliver activities, and influence change with the support of CPP partners. The Participatory Budgeting process also aligns with these themes. These will assist the partnerships in determining which issues are most important to local residents and how to align these with the common themes highlighted above and other local priorities. The Board is asked to note that these priorities are currently being reviewed by the Neighbourhood Planning areas and are the subject of a separate report to the Board. The revised list will be included in the Community Partnership's December Report.

Top 5 Neighbourhood Planning priorities as of October 2024:

- 1 – More leisure, recreational and social opportunities
- 2 – Stronger and better communities
- 3 – Greater community safety
- 4 – Easier to get about/moving around
- 5 – Physical environment improvements

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	Hamilton Area Community Partnership Update
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Heather Robertson, Community Planning Community Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: heather.robertson2@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Hamilton Area Community Partnership.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1 and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.
Risks/Challenges:	Section 7 provides a summary of the risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register relating to community participation and engagement.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources. ♦ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better. ♦ Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work. ♦ Principles: Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Openness and Trust.
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Section 3, paragraph 3.2 sets out the purpose of the latest meeting of the Partnership. ♦ Section 4 sets out progress against the delivery of the Community Partnership Improvement Plan. ♦ Section 5 provides an update on the imminent change to the Partnerships Community Development Officer's contract. ♦ Appendix 1 contains the Partnership's progress update.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Hamilton Area Community Partnership Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Hamilton Area Community Partnership.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Partnership progress update outlined at section 4.1. and in Appendix 1 and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Hamilton Area Community Partnership which includes the areas of Hamilton, Blantyre, Larkhall, Bothwell, Stonehouse, and Uddingston is one of four locality partnerships where community representatives from community councils and other community bodies come together to discuss common issues and report to the Community Planning Partnership on the discussions and look at improvement actions/options. An update on activity is attached at Appendix 1.

4. Community Partnership Improvement Plan

4.1. Engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnerships Improvement Plan continues. The following provides an update on progress to date:-

- **Communications** – each Community Partnership now has their own identity; Web pages have been developed for all Community Partnerships. Partnership's receive monthly information updates on national policy and strategy and local activity and events of interest to their wider communities.
- **Community Leadership** – The CDO continues to engage with local organisations and groups to build capacity and increase local awareness of the partnerships. This has led to an increase in the number of new members joining the partnership. Immediate benefits for members have been achieved by introducing groups and organisations to each other, exchanging good practice, information, and offers to support each other. Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships have now completed their self-assessment with the Improvement Service and improvement actions will now be progressed.

Work continues to have all four Partnerships represented on the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board. They have all agreed this is a priority action and work will continue to support potential/current Chairs/Depute Chairs to participate at that level. Work continues with key council leads who work with young people to develop a process for engaging with them at a local level. Ideas are being discussed, and arrangements will be made to have an event with young people to discuss their views on the inequalities that they experience and how we can work better together to enable change.

- **Data and profiling** – review of the Neighbourhood Planning Profiles; Deprivation Profiles; and the Deprivation Heat Maps. These are all longer-term actions.
- **Good Governance** – All partnership Terms of Reference documents are currently being reviewed by the partnerships. The self-assessment process has highlighted several areas for improvement in terms of supporting Community Partnership volunteers, including improving induction arrangements. Work has started to co-produce an induction process and materials for new members.
- **Monitoring and reporting** –The development of a Community Partnership Performance and Reporting Framework is a longer-term action and will be aligned with planned evaluation work in Neighbourhood Planning areas.
- **Statutory Remit** –To date, the CDO has met approx. 200 local people, groups, partner agencies and organisations as possible, increasing awareness of statutory CPP duties and sharing the opportunities presented through the partnerships, where local voices can be heard to enable change.
- **Volunteers** – Asking local members about their preferences will help them better understand the CPP and how it can help them effect change. Work continues to support volunteers to participate in Community Planning, a learning and development survey has been developed to better understand the needs of volunteers. A learning and development plan will be created from the feedback for delivery with support from partners.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. Community Partnership activity has been delivered by the Partnership's CDO on a full-time basis from 1 April 2025 with a planned end date of 30 September 2025. From 1 October 2025, the Board has agreed that the officer will move to part-time hours until the end of the funding on 31 March 2026. Whilst the work to develop the partnerships continues to progress at pace, the significant number of new groups that have newly engaged, means that the development needs of the volunteers and the partnerships continue to be a significant area of full-time work. Further information is contained in the budget report for the board to consider.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Delivery costs associated with the recruitment of the Partnership's Community Development Officer which is funded through the Community Planning budget.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to Community Engagement and Participation are set out in the table below. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

Risk Card Reference	Risk Classification	Risk Summary
CPP/2018/001	Very High	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032
CPP/2018/002	Very High	The CPP fail to engage effectively with communities (as required in the Community Empowerment Act and as a requirement to deliver the new Community Plan) in the planning, design and delivery of improved outcomes and inequalities

9. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

- 9.1. There are no Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. This report is produced by the Community Partnership in consultation with its members.

Paul Manning
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South Lanarkshire Council

27 August 2025

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Hamilton Area Community Partnership Progress Update

General update

It was easier to identify the areas and recognise commonalities, the Hamilton Area Community Partnership sessions have been conducted in smaller conversations.

The partnership's Community Development Officer (CDO) continues to map all key groups in the locality and regularly carries out face-to-face and online communication of CPP objectives and activities with these groups through attendance at their meetings.

The Development Officer works with officers from across the partnership to increase their awareness of local issues and challenges and support them to work with the partnership to resolve these issues.

Progress to date

The Hamilton locality is a vast area, which covers Hamilton, Blantyre, Larkhall, Stonehouse, Bothwell and Uddingston and some areas do not have Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups. The CDO has therefore been engaging with many organisations and residents who would like to participate in the partnership process.

The CDO continues to attend Third sector locality meetings which have helped reach new groups and members who want to be part of the Community planning partnership and understand the unique opportunity this has become. These groups have voiced their issues which again have the same commonalities as the other localities.

The following provides a summary of current activity facilitated by the CDO and Community Planning Partners:-

- It was felt that there are too many new housing developments which lack community infrastructure, adding pressure on existing services such as NHS, dentists and schools. Planning Services are aware and these are ongoing issues which will be addressed in the longer term.
- Green spaces could be improved to increase use - These have been identified, and work is being carried out across all localities.
- The process for Community Asset Transfer could be more transparent for communities before buildings/land are allocated – This feedback has been shared with the council's Community Asset Transfer Officer for his information.
- Families and residents could be better informed about changes that affect them.
- It was felt that there are too many take-away food shops in town centres which are contributing to increased litter.
- Roads and lighting could be improved. Discussions have taken place with Roads and Transportation Services who will engage directly with the Partnership on these matters.
- In terms of public transport, there are not enough bus services to meet demand, for example evening bus services limiting the ability for families to travel outwith their area as there is no way for them to get back home later in the evening - Discussions have taken place with SPT, however issues mainly relate to individual bus service providers.

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as of 8 August 2025 (Period 5).
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:- (1) that the content of the report be noted. (2) that the Board continue to invest in the Community Partnership Development Officer's post on a full-time basis until 31 March 2026 (section 5.2), be approved.
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	♦ All ambitions/principles.
Summary of Report:	♦ Section 4 details the budget for the year, projected spend, and actual expenditure as of 8 August 2025 (also see Appendix 1).

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as of 8 August 2025 (Period 5).

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted.
- (2) that the Board continue to investment in the Community Partnership Development Officer's post on a full-time basis until 31 March 2026 (section 5.2), be approved.

3. Background

3.1. Details of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Budget and Expenditure are reported to every Partnership Board meeting. This provides Partners with an opportunity to seek clarification on the budget and sums spent during the relevant period.

4. Budget and Expenditure

4.1. The total available budget for 2025/2026 is £89,651.14. This consists of a funding balance carried forward of £44,301.14 and the annual income of £45,350.

4.2. The actual expenditure at the end of Period 5 is £24,154.91. Appendix 1 provides a breakdown.

4.3. The projected spend for the year is approximately £89,651.14 as set out in the spending plan approved by the Board on 18 June 2025.

5. Income and Expenditure during 2025/2026

5.1. Specific spend within this period relates to salary costs and the Lived Experience Fund payments.

- 5.2. **Community Partnership Development Officer:** The Partnership Update Reports outline the significant progress that the officer is making with community volunteers and partners to strengthen and develop the partnerships and to identify and resolve local issues. There also continues to be national interest in this approach. Partnerships are at a critical stage of their development. The Board is asked to consider continuing this work on a full-time basis until the end of March 2026 (as otherwise, the post will reduce from full time to part time from 30 September 2025). The cost of retaining the post on a full time basis until the end of the year is estimated to be circa £13,000. This additional cost can be met from the current budget through the “Community Plan Delivery” budget line.
- 6. CPP Budget 2025/2026**
- 6.1. A further update will be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership Board on 9 December 2025.
- 7. Employee Implications**
- 7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.
- 8. Financial Implications**
- 8.1. The financial implications are detailed in Section 4 of this report.
- 9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**
- 9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.
- 10. Other Implications**
- 10.1. There are no risk issues associated with this report.
- 11. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**
- 11.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or Consultation implications associated with this report.

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South Lanarkshire Council

13 August 2025

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Community Planning Budget 2025/26			
Opening Balance April 2025		£44,301	£44,301
Income 2025/2026			
Partner Contributions		Budget	Actual to Date (8 August 2025)
NHS Lanarkshire		18,350	18,350
South Lanarkshire Council		22,000	22,000
Police Scotland		5,000	5,000
Total Income		£45,350	£45,350
Total Available Funding 2025/2026		£89,651	£89,651
		£	£
Expenditure 2025/2026		Proposed Expenditure	Expenditure (8 August 2025)
Community Plan Delivery		20,000	£470
Community Planning Events		5,000	£943
Learning and Development		5,000	£65
Lived Experience Fund		13,500	£3,500
Printing/Stationery/General		6,000	£121
Salaries		40,000	£19,055
Travel		151.14	0.00
Total Expenditure		£89,651.14	£24,154

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Risk Management – Annual Review of Risk Cards and Risk Register
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Aileen Murray, Community Planning Adviser, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: aileen.murray@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ present the updated Community Planning Risk Register following the annual review; and provide an end of year update on the 2024/25 Risk Control Plan.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the draft Community Planning Partnership Risks as set out at Section 5 of this report and the draft Risk Control Plan for 2025/26 are approved; and (2) that the end of year update on the 2024/25 Risk Control Plan be noted.
Risks/Challenges:	Failure to demonstrate that risk is actively considered and managed could adversely affect the delivery of the Community Plan and could affect the reputation of the Community Planning Partnership.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All ambitions/principles.
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ This report sets out the draft Risk and Control Plan and provides an end of year update on the 2024/25 Risk Control Plan; ◆ Section 4 provides an update on the risk management process which is supported by the Risk Management Strategy. An example of the four-stage process which is followed during the review of the CPP Risk Cards and Control Plan is detailed at Appendix 1; ◆ Section 5.1. notes that all previous risks remain; ◆ Section 5.2. summarises the main changes to the risk cards; and ◆ Section 6 sets out the level of perceived risk for all risks in the register. The 2025/26 Risk Control Plan is set out at Appendix 2; and a progress update on the previous years plan is set out at paragraph 6.3. and Appendix 3.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Risk Management – Annual Review of Risk Cards and Risk Register
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ♦ present the updated Community Planning Risk Register following the annual review; and
- ♦ present an end of year update on the 2024/25 Risk Control Plan.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the draft Community Planning Partnership Risks as set out at Section 5 of this report and the draft Control Plan for 2025/26 are approved; and
- (2) that the end of year update on the 2024/25 Risk Control Plan be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. A Community Planning Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan is maintained to formally record, assess and aid management of strategic risks for the Partnership.
- 3.2. On 11 September 2019, the Partnership Board approved the process to review the risk register and noted progress with the implementation of actions to mitigate risks. A risk workshop was subsequently held on 5 December 2019 to discuss and review the feedback received and to consider proposed amendments to the risk register.
- 3.3. Reports on the CPP Risk Register and Risk Control Plan are submitted to the CPP Board in March and September each year to provide an update on progress. Outwith these reporting periods, if a significant change arises to a risk, or a new risk is identified, the board will be advised.
- 3.4. Work started on 2 April 2025 to undertake the annual review of the Risk Cards and the Risk Control Plan. This was completed by the Community Planning Progress Group with support from South Lanarkshire Council's Risk Management Team, then remitted to the Outcomes Leads Group for comment. This report sets out the draft Risks and Risk Control Plan for 2025/26 and provides an end of year update on the 2024/25 Risk Control Plan. The risk matrix which is used for assigning risk scores is attached at Appendix 4 for information.

4. Partnership Risk Management

- 4.1. Risk management is one of the principal elements of good governance. It is a continuous and developing process involving the identification of risks, analysis and prioritisation of these risks, and the identification and implementation of actions to further mitigate risks. An example of the four-stage process used to review the CPP Risk Cards and Risk Control Plan is detailed at Appendix 1.

5. Partnership Risk Review Summary

- 5.1. In summary, all risks from last year were reviewed by the Progress Group and the Outcomes Leads Group and deemed still to be valid. This means that the total number of risks has remained at seven. Risk descriptions, controls and actions have been updated on the risk cards where required.
- 5.2. The main changes to the risk cards are summarised below:-

Risk number/description	Summary of changes
Risk Number: CPP/2018/001 Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032	Two risk impacts have been amended to read 'Reputational and credibility damage to the partnership and individual partners' and 'Political disagreement'. A control measure has been removed in relation to the 'Volunteering Strategy 2022-2024'. There has been no change to the risk scores.
Risk Number: CPP/2018/002 Failure to engage and collaborate effectively with identified communities of place and interest	One control measure has been amended to read 'Successful implementation of the UNCRC (Scotland) (Incorporation) Act 2024 requirements' and a further control measure has been added highlighting 'eLearning training modules - Community Engagement available for partners staff and communities to access'. There has been no change to the risk scores.
CPP/2018/004 Inability to commit to the delivery of Community Planning ambitions and outcomes due to financial pressures and constraints	A new trigger has been included detailing 'Partners withdrawing financial support due to financial pressures'. There has been no change to the risk scores.
CPP/2018/006 Effective use of data owned by partners to support efficient collaborative working practices; to inform a shared understanding of communities; decision making processes and target resources to those most in need	A new control measure has been included detailing 'Marmot Place Data Steering Group established'. There has been no change to the risk scores.
CPP/2018/003 Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate and nature emergencies	A new control measure has been included detailing the 'Annual Conference of Schools event (COS3 2025)'. There has been no change to the risk scores.

Risk number/description	Summary of changes
CPP/2022/001 National and Global Challenges	A new key risk has been added to highlight 'Economic conflict'. There has been no change to the risk scores.

6. Risk Register and Risk Control Plan 2025/26

- 6.1. The revised Community Planning Partnership risks are summarised in the table below. A full copy of the detailed risk cards are available on request:-

Risk Category	Key risk	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Risk Score
1 Very High (15-25)	National and Global Challenges. Partners are required to re-direct resources to respond to local impacts of multiple national and global challenges including: Biodiversity Loss; Climate Action Failure; Cyber Insecurity; Deep Societal Polarisation; Extreme Weather Events; International conflict; Lack of economic opportunity; Misinformation and disinformation; Shortage of skilled workforce; and Ungoverned Artificial Intelligence (AI) Risk Number: CPP/2022/001	20	16
	Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate and nature emergencies. Risk Number: CPP/2018/003	20	16
	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022/2032 Risk Number: CPP/2018/001	20	16
	Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities Risk Number: CPP/2018/002	20	16
2 High (8-12)	Failure to implement integrated locality working structures which take a "whole systems approach" to deliver the priorities of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans Risk Number: CPP/2018/008	16	9
	Effective use of data owned by partners to support efficient collaborative working practices; to inform a shared understanding of communities; decision making processes and target resources to those most in need. Risk Number: CPP/2018/006	16	8
	Financial Challenges Risk Number: CPP/2018/004	15	15

- 6.2. Following feedback from the Risk Workshop and partners, an updated Risk Control Plan showing the actions for 2025/26 is provided at Appendix 2, some of the mitigation actions from the previous plan are still valid and being progressed or on hold pending progress of other workstreams. The Board is asked to note that whilst progress continues to be made, some of these actions are significant pieces of work and dates have been revised as necessary.
- 6.3. Appendix 3 provides an update on the progress with the delivery of the actions in the 2024/25 Risk Control Plan. The following table provides a summary of their status. Of the eight actions in the plan: four have been completed; 0 has major slippage, two have minor slippage; two are in progress and on target; and 0 are on hold. The Board is asked to note that some of these actions, particularly those working with communities are significant areas of work, where we need to work at the pace of the communities involved. The progress update also highlights the actions that have been transferred to the new Risk Control action plan.

Status	Summary
Complete	There are four actions completed.
On target	Two actions are currently being progressed.
On hold	There are no actions currently on hold.
Minor slippage	There has been minor slippage for two actions .
Major slippage	There has been major slippage for no actions .

7. Monitoring and Reporting Arrangements

- 7.1. The Community Planning Progress Group will continue to progress actions and monitor and review the Risk Register and Risk Control Plan. All cards are reviewed annually however, it should also be noted that risk scores and rankings may be amended if new information becomes known that allows the position to be re-assessed.
- 7.2. Any changes to the Risk Cards will be presented to the Board for approval. Following the annual review of the Risk Cards, the Board will also receive an Annual Risk Update Report.
- 7.3. The next planned review of the full Risk Register and Control Plan will take place during April 2026.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 10.1. Climate change, sustainability and environmental risks have been identified for the partnership. Controls and mitigation actions have been included in the relevant risk control cards and actions are included in the 2024/25 programme of work. Progress is being monitored by the Progress Group and reported quarterly as part of the update contained in Appendix 3 to this report.

11. Other Implications

- 11.1. Failure to demonstrate that risk is actively considered and managed could adversely affect the delivery of the Community Plan and could affect the reputation of the Community Planning Partnership. The work undertaken to identify and review the Community Planning Partnership's strategic risks and to determine the risk controls and actions necessary has enabled the Community Planning Partnership to manage the impact.

12. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

- 12.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report.

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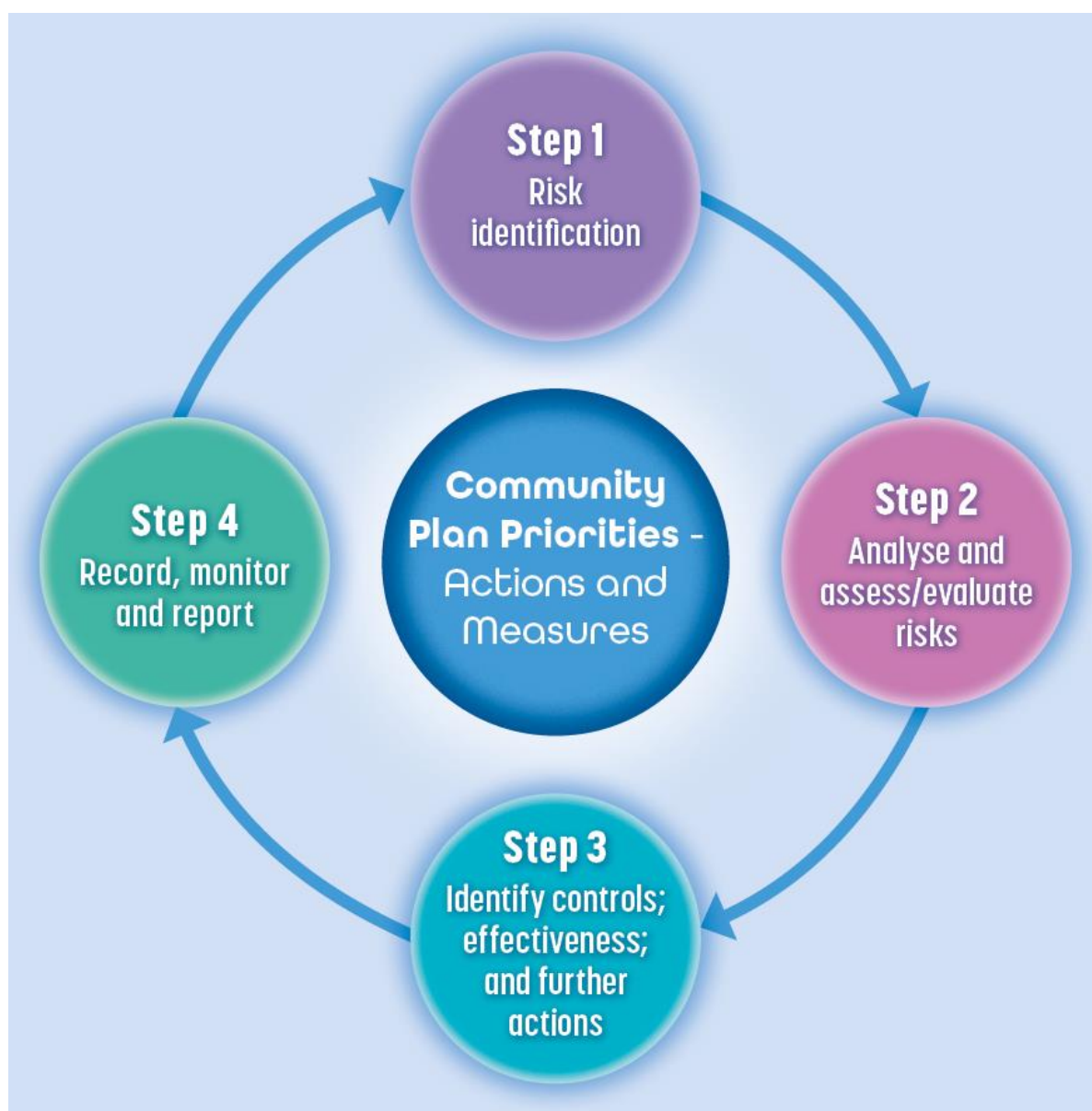
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Community Planning Partnership Risk Review Process

Community Planning Partnership – Risk Control Plan 2025/26

Status update key: ☐ On hold ☒ Complete ☒ On target ☒ Minor slippage ☒ Major slippage/Failed to meet target

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022/2032 (CPP/2018/001)	1.1	Following the first volunteer self-assessment process in partnership with the Improvement Service with the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships implement the Improvement Plan	Community Planning Adviser/ Community Partnership Development Officer	30/3/26		
	1.2	Implement the Improvement Plan for the CPP Board from the national self-assessment	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/3/26		
	1.3	Finalise the new thematic Neighbourhood Plan with a Child Poverty focus for East Kilbride South	Community Engagement Team/ Partners	31/12/25		Action carried forward from 2024/25 plan due to staff changes and asset transfer concluded summer 2025.
	1.4	Establish the foundations for delivery of the Marmot Place Programme in South Lanarkshire	Marmot Place Leadership Group/ Outcomes Leads Marmot Steering Group	31/12/25		
	1.5	Implement Stage 1 of the Marmot Place Programme providing an evidence-based understanding of inequalities and an evaluation of resource allocations across South Lanarkshire	Marmot Place Leadership Group/ Outcomes Leads Marmot Steering Group	31/3/26		
	1.6	Develop a whole system action plan to mitigate health inequity in South Lanarkshire as part of	Marmot Place Leadership Group/ Outcomes Leads	31/12/26		

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
		the Marmot Place programme implementation. This will include the pending action of resource pooling which is a requirement of the Community Empowerment Act (extract from SLC BVAR report April 2019)	Marmot Steering Group			
	1.7	Evaluate the Neighbourhood Planning approach	Community Engagement Manager	31/3/26		Action carried forward from 2024/25 plan.
	1.8	Completion of the CPP Performance Framework	Community Engagement Manager	31/12/25		
Failure to engage and collaborate effectively with identified communities of place and interest (CPP/2018/002)	1.9	Dedicated capacity building and training support provided to the volunteers of the Community Partnerships (VASLan)	VASLan	31/3/26		Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan.
	1.10	Finalise the community engagement learning modules for employees and partners	CPP Learning and Development Group	31/8/25		
	1.11	Develop a process to support the effective participation of communities in the Marmot Place Programme	Marmot Place Leadership Group/ Outcomes Leads Marmot Place Steering Group	31/10/25		
	1.12	Refresh the Partnership Community Engagement and Participation Strategy	Community Engagement Manager	31/12/25		
	1.13	Refresh the Partnership Volunteering Strategy	VASLan	31/12/25		
Financial Challenges (CPP/2018/004)	1.14	As part of the development of the Marmot Place Programme approach, undertake an evaluation of resource allocations across South	Marmot Place Leadership Group/ Outcomes Leads	31/3/26		

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
		Lanarkshire with the Institute of Health Equity	Marmot Place Steering Group			
Effective use of data owned by partners to support efficient collaborative working practices; to inform a shared understanding of communities; decision making processes and target resources to those most in need (CPP/2018/006)	1.15	Marmot Data Steering Group to consider a data sharing assurance framework, Privacy Impact Screening and data sharing protocols and agreements as required	Marmot Data Steering Group	31/3/27		

Community Planning Partnership – Risk Control Plan 2024/25

Status update key: ☐ Not started ☒ Complete ☒ On target ☒ Minor slippage ☒ Major slippage/Failed to meet target

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022/2032 (CPP/2018/001)	1.1	Develop a new Neighbourhood Plan for the East Kilbride South area	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/12/24	Minor Slippage	<p>Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan.</p> <p>The East Kilbride South Stakeholder Group was re-established in September 2024 with an emphasis on local representation being prominent.</p> <p>The community views survey consultation had 781 responses with a further 42 'what matters to you' responses from the local engagement from third sector stakeholders.</p> <p>Further to this, Can Do Community funding was obtained by Healthy and Active on behalf of the stakeholder group to host and facilitate a Participatory Budgeting (PB) event. £7,000 was distributed across eight local community groups for a variety of local projects. 3,480 votes were cast between the in-person event and online voting. Collaboration with Duncanrig High School was key as young people supported the event to support digital inclusion.</p> <p>Further engagement through PB took place in July 2025 with £5,000 being available for local projects. £9,025 of applications have been received.</p> <p>Community engagement to vote on the top priorities to take forward into the</p>

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						<p>Neighbourhood Plan, alongside the PB process will inform the next steps of completion of the plan.</p> <p>The community galvanised around a community asset transfer of Greenhills Community Centre across 2024/25, reinvigorating community participation. Additional Stakeholder Group meetings are now taking place with a much broader attendance of local residents who will bring the plan to completion in 2025.</p>
	1.2	Undertake self-evaluation activity with the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships	Community Engagement Manager	31/1/25	Complete	<p>The self-evaluation activity has now been completed. Feedback was provided to the community participants with a view to addressing the items that have been discussed and highlighted by the survey.</p> <p>An action plan will be co-produced with the partnerships to identify actions across a range of themes including induction, learning and development, etc.</p>
	1.3	Community Planning Partnership Board undertake self-evaluation activity as part of the national Community Planning Partnership self-evaluation programme	Community Engagement Manager	31/3/25	Complete	<p>Following a presentation by the Improvement Service on the National CPP Self-Assessment at the CPP Board on 18 September 2024, it was agreed that the CPP Board would participate in this evaluation activity. A link to the National CPP Self-Assessment Checklist, containing 43 statements, was therefore circulated to the Board Members for completion on 14 November 2024.</p> <p>Following analysis of the responses provided by the Board Members, an improvement planning session was</p>

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						facilitated by the Improvement Service with the CPP Board on 29 April 2025. An implementation plan, will be submitted to the CPP Board for approval on 17 September 2025.
	1.4	Evaluate the Neighbourhood Planning approach	Community Engagement Manager	31/3/25	Minor Slippage	<p>An initial meeting with partners took place to discuss evaluating the impact of our initial Neighbourhood Plans and consider the wider approach for their review.</p> <p>This meeting highlighted the need for a collaborative approach, and a range of needs to be met through an evaluation, including those of the partnership.</p> <p>A joint evaluation plan will be created with stakeholders and tested in one area.</p>
	1.5	Develop a process to ensure that the Board has clearer oversight of the resourcing of community planning initiatives (resource pooling is a requirement of the Community Empowerment Act - extract from SLC BVAR report April 2019)	Community Engagement Manager	31/3/27	Complete	<p>Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan.</p> <p>This work is now aligned to the Marmot Place Programme approach which aims to improve Scotland's health, promote wellbeing and address health inequalities and will be resumed at the appropriate stage of the process. As this action is now merged with action 1.6 in the 2025/26 plan above it has been marked as complete.</p>
Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities (CPP/2018/002)	1.6	Dedicated capacity building and training support provided to the volunteers of the Community Partnerships (VASLan)	VASLan	31/03/26	In progress	<p>Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan.</p> <p>VASLan is undertaking an important transition to improve how they support learning and development across the Third Sector. As part of a wider revised strategy, VASLan will modernise their training offer to</p>

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						<p>continue to meet the evolving needs of members, partners and communities. They have begun the process of closing their current on-line learning platform with existing users being supported until the end of 2025.</p> <p>To support this transition, the current website will be replaced over the coming months. The new website will include toolkits for organisations which will offer a range of high-quality online learning opportunities.</p> <p>Third Sector Interface staff at VASLan will participate in an SQA-recognised course in August 2025. This qualification will focus on planning and delivering training sessions for groups and organisations, enhancing the quality and consistency of their learning delivery.</p> <p>Looking ahead, VASLan will offer a comprehensive programme of online support via their new website, alongside in-person capacity-building information sessions for third sector organisations throughout South Lanarkshire.</p>
Effective use of data owned by partners to support efficient collaborative working practices; to inform a shared	1.7	CPP Data Group to be established to consider a data sharing assurance framework, Privacy Impact Screening and data sharing protocols and agreements as required	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/03/27	In progress	<p>Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan.</p> <p>The Marmot Data Steering Group has now been established. The work of the Data Group is coming to an end of phase 1 which focused on local data of the health equity system and data sharing. Workshops with a</p>

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
understanding of communities; decision making processes and target resources to those most in need. (CPP/2018/006)						range of stakeholders will be carried out during 2025.
Failure to implement integrated locality working structures which take a 'whole systems approach' to deliver the priorities of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plan (CPP/2018/008)	1.8	Develop a whole systems locality delivery model proposal and implementation plan	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/03/27	Complete	Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan. This work is now aligned to the Marmot approach which aims to improve Scotland's health, promote wellbeing and address health inequalities. As this action is now merged with action 1.6 in the 2025/26 plan above it has been marked as complete.

Risk scoring matrix, likelihood and impact definitions

Likelihood

Score	1	2	3	4	5
Description	Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost certain
Likelihood of occurrence	1 in 10 years	1 in 3 years	1 in 2 years	Annually	Monthly
Probability of occurrence	The event may occur in certain circumstances	The event could occur	The event may occur	The event will probably occur	The event is expected to occur or occurs regularly

Impact

	Reputation	Financial	Service delivery/ Time to recover	Compliance	Safety
1 Negligible	Public concern restricted to local complaints	<£50,000 per annum	No impact to service quality; limited disruption to operations.	No external interest	Minor injury – no lost time
2 Minor	Minor adverse local/public/media attention and complaints	£50,000-£250,000 per annum	Minor impact to service quality; minor service standards are not met; short term	Very minor attention from legislative/regulatory body	Minor injury – resulting in lost time
3 Moderate	Adverse national media Public attention	£250,000 to £500,000 per annum	Significant fall in service quality; major partnership relationships strained; serious disruption in service standards	Short-term attention from legislative/regulatory body	Major injury or ill health resulting in lost time
4 Major	Serious negative national or regional criticism	£500,000 to £1million per annum	Major impact to service delivery; multiple service standards are not met; long term disruption to operations; multiple partnerships affected	Medium-term attention from legislative/regulatory body	Fatality; Or injuries to several people
5 Catastrophic	Prolonged international, regional and national condemnation	>£1million per annum	Catastrophic fail in service quality and key service standards are not met; long term catastrophic interruption to operations; several major partnerships are affected	National impact with rapid intervention of legislative/regulatory body	Multiple fatalities; Or injuries to large number of people

The assessments for impact and likelihood combine to provide an overall inherent risk score on the scale of between 1 and 25, using the Council's recognised risk matrix.

Likelihood	5 Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25
	4 Likely	4	8	12	16	20
	3 Possible	3	6	9	12	15
	2 Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
	1 Rare	1	2	3	4	5
		1 Negligible	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Catastrophic
		Impact				

Evaluation of risks – inherent

Risks should be evaluated, initially without regard to any mitigation or controls that are already in place. It is a twofold evaluation, which considers both the impact and likelihood of the risk.

Definitions of likelihood and impact are detailed below, but these may vary depending on the project or partnership, where analysis requires to be more specific.

Likelihood is scored on a scale of one to five, with one being the lowest. Descriptions of the scores are as follows:

Score	1	2	3	4	5
Description	Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost Certain
Likelihood of occurrence	1 in 10 years	1 in 3 years	1 in 2 years	Annually	Monthly
Probability of occurrence	The event may occur in certain circumstances	The event could occur	The event may occur	The event will probably occur	The event is expected to occur or occurs regularly

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	Outcomes from the Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session - 14 May 2025
Report by:	Interim CEO, VASLan
Contact for Further Information:	Jimmy Wilson, Interim CEO, VASLan Tel: 07799502842 Email: jimmy.wilson@vaslan.org.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the findings from the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board Development Session held on 14 May 2025; and ♦ to outline proposed actions aimed at strengthening collaboration between the CPP and the Third Sector.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ VASLan ♦ Third Sector Organisations (TSOs) ♦ Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) ♦ NHS Lanarkshire ♦ Scottish Enterprise ♦ Seniors Together ♦ Skills Development Scotland ♦ South Lanarkshire College ♦ South Lanarkshire Community Partnerships ♦ South Lanarkshire Council ♦ South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture ♦ Strathclyde Passenger Transport
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the Third Sector has an annual development session with the CPP Board; (2) that a review of Third Sector representation is completed across all CPP structures; (3) that the Third Sector is promoted using local case studies and success stories to influence wider policy and funding models; and (4) that the Board promotes co-designed planning and delivery with early and continuous Third Sector involvement.
Risks/Challenges:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Lack of inclusive representation risks missing key community voices and perspectives. ♦ Practical barriers (e.g. time, travel, capacity) limit participation in CPP structures and consultations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Limited and insecure funding creates uncertainty and hinders long-term planning for both the Third Sector and partnership engagement. ♦ Risk of consultation fatigue if engagement is not purposeful or leads to limited impact. ♦ Cultural resistance to sharing power or reforming structures may delay progress towards an equal partnership.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All Ambitions (People, Planet and Progress) Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Added value and continuous improvement ♦ Communication and empowerment ♦ Openness and Trust ♦ Embracing Change
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Section 4 outlines the key findings from the event; ♦ Section 5 outlines South Lanarkshire Council's Third Sector Development Approach; and ♦ Section 6 outlines the next steps.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Interim Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan)

Subject:	Outcomes from the Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session - 14 May 2025
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the findings from the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board Development Day held on 14 May 2025; and
- ♦ outline the proposed actions aimed at strengthening collaboration between the CPP and the Third Sector.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the Third Sector has an annual development session with the CPP Board;
- (2) that a review of Third Sector representation is completed across all CPP structures;
- (3) that the Third Sector is promoted using local case studies and success stories to influence wider policy and funding models; and
- (4) that the Board promotes co-designed planning and delivery with early and continuous Third Sector involvement.

3. Background

3.1. On 14 May 2025, a CPP Board Development Day was held with representatives from the Third Sector, community, and statutory partners to explore how better collaboration could support improved outcomes for communities across South Lanarkshire.

3.2. This report highlights emerging themes, challenges, and opportunities to create more effective, inclusive, and sustainable partnership working, with a focus on prevention, place-based delivery, and community empowerment.

4. Key Findings

4.1. The CPP Development Day workshop explored how the CPP and Third Sector can collaborate more effectively to achieve better community outcomes. Six key themes emerged:

- **Relationships and Partnership Working** - a need to move from hierarchical to equal partnerships, building on existing collaborations;
- **Representation and Engagement** - current gaps in inclusive Third Sector participation should be addressed;

- **Resources** - financial and non-financial support are essential for sustainability;
- **Information Sharing and Systems** – better digital tools and communication channels are needed;
- **Co-Design and Systems Change** – a shift to more meaningful engagement of the Third Sector to genuine co-production at all levels; and
- **Impact and Evaluation** – need for community-focused, shared outcomes that reflect local priorities.

4.2. Participants expressed a strong appetite for reform, deeper collaboration, and greater recognition of the Third Sector's role in preventative, place-based approaches.

5. South Lanarkshire Council's Third Sector Development

- 5.1. The Sector has been working closely with South Lanarkshire Council and the Board is asked to note the positive developments outlined below because of this approach.
- 5.2. Following the CPP Development session, the council and VASLan hosted a strategic development session with the Third Sector on 22 May 2025, this was followed by a funding workshop on 12 June 2025, and a commissioning/procurement workshop on 24 June 2025. From these sessions, a comprehensive Third Sector Review Report was produced. This report contains a series of recommendations aimed at strengthening collaboration, transparency, and sustainability and was submitted to the council for consideration.
- 5.3. The council and VASLan, with Third Sector representatives, continue to collaborate on draft documents, including a partnership agreement, that are designed to help fulfil the shared vision of making South Lanarkshire the best environment in which the Third Sector can operate, taking account of the financial context in which all parties operate. It is anticipated that draft documents will be consulted on in the coming weeks, with a report to the council's Executive Committee to follow in November 2025.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1. VASLan and the Third Sector commit to collaborating with the Community Planning Team and Partners to implement the recommendations set out in this report.
- 6.2. The Board will receive regular updates on progress to deliver these actions, and recommendations following the review of the Sector's representation across the CPP will be presented to the Board for approval.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

10. Other Implications

- 10.1. Lack of inclusive representation risks missing key community voices and perspectives. There is also a risk of consultation fatigue if engagement is not purposeful or leads to limited impact.

11. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

11.1 There are no Equality Impact Assessment or Consultation implications associated with this report.

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	Community Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report 2024/2025 and Annual Outcomes Improvement Report
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: jennifer.kerr@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To provide the Partnership Board with an update on progress made against the outcomes within the Community Plan as at the end of March 2025. ◆ To provide the Partnership Board with the statutory draft Annual Outcomes Improvement Report for approval.
Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan be noted (see Appendix 1); and (2) that the content of the statutory draft Annual Outcomes Improvement Report is approved for publication by 30 September 2025 (see Appendix 2).
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All ambitions/principles.
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Section 5 sets out the progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan 2022/2032; and highlights measures where progress to date has not been as planned and the actions that will be taken to improve this. ◆ Section 6 sets out examples of key actions delivered during 2024/25 in relation to the Community Plan's six priority themes. ◆ Section 7 sets out an overview of the content of the draft statutory Annual Outcomes Improvement Report.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report 2024/2025 and Annual Outcomes Improvement Report
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide the Partnership Board with an update on progress made against the outcomes within the Community Plan as at the end of March 2025.
- ◆ Provide the Partnership Board with the statutory draft Annual Outcomes Improvement Report for approval.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan be noted (see Appendix 1); and
- (2) that the content of the statutory draft Annual Outcomes Improvement Report is approved for publication by 30 September 2025 (see Appendix 2).

3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, sets out that the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) must prepare and publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. The plan was approved by the Board on 22 June 2022 and is known as the Community Plan. The plan sets out the ambitions and priorities for the partnership over 10 years from 2022/2032. Progress against the delivery of the plan is reported and published annually. The partnership has a statutory duty to prepare and publish an Annual Outcomes Improvement Report by 30 September each year and also publishes an Annual Performance Progress Report.
- 3.2. While compiling the Annual Performance Progress Report, some instances were identified where the measures presented within the Community Plan have been amended or superseded by alternative measures. Appendix 3 itemises the Community Plan indicators which have been amended following the review of all indicators which was completed during 2023/24
- 3.3. This report provides an update on progress up to the end of March 2025. The Annual Performance Progress Report is attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 is the statutory Annual Outcomes Improvement Report for 2024/2025.

4. Delivering the Community Plan

- 4.1. Critical to the successful delivery of the plan is keeping the promise to work together with communities, local organisations and businesses to deliver the ambitions set out in the Community Plan. To achieve these ambitions, we need to change how we currently work together; taking a more holistic and joined up approach to service delivery through re-imagining current service delivery models; and through developing a clearer understanding of how our work impacts on individuals, families, communities, local organisations and businesses; and the contributions that we make as a whole in our work towards a fairer South Lanarkshire for all.
- 4.2. Following agreement at the CPP Board on 13 December 2023, a CPP Board Development Session focussing on Performance took place on 21 May 2024. Following the implementation of the Marmot Place Programme in December 2024, it was agreed that the review of the partnership's priorities and approach to performance monitoring, and a new performance framework should be informed by this work.

5. Progress to date

- 5.1. The principles underpinning the framework remain to ensure that the Partnership Board receives clear performance reports which are produced to a common timescale and a common standard across the Partnership.
- 5.2. Progress is reported in full within this Quarter 4 report, using the latest information available. The report shows whether outcomes are being achieved to facilitate change and progress against the associated improvement actions. It also highlights progress on specific outcomes to inform good practice, learning and sharing across the Partnership.
- 5.3. The report uses a "traffic light" system to indicate if there are any concerns about whether a target will be reached or whether an action will be completed as intended. A blue status indicates that the action to achieve change has been completed. A green status indicates that there are no concerns about meeting a target or achieving an action. Amber and red are used to flag up where there may be slippage or deviation from targets and actions. The definitions are as follows:-

Status	Definition
Blue	The action to achieve change has been completed
Green	On course to achieve the target or complete the action as planned/the timescale or target has been met as per expectations
Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target
Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target
To be reported later	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to say whether the target has been met or not. These will be reported when available

5.4. The Community Plan Progress Report

There are 76 measures within the Community Plan and the table below gives a summary of the progress between 2023/24 and 2024/25:-

Summary:

Priority	Status by year										Total	
	Blue		Green		Amber		Red		Report Later/Not Available			
	24-25	23-24	24-25	23-24	24-25	23-24	24-25	23-24	24-25	23-24	24-25	23-24
Putting learning at the centre	0	0	11	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	11
Our children and young people thrive	2	0	14	14	0	2	0	0	0	0	16	16
Thriving businesses and fair jobs	0	0	10	12	0	0	2	0	0	0	12	12
Caring, connected communities	2	0	13	12	0	3	0	0	0	0	15	15
Good quality, suitable housing for everyone	1	0	11	11	1	1	1	2	0	0	14	14
People live the healthiest lives possible	0	0	7	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Total	5	0	66	67	2	7	3	2	0	0	76	76

- 5.5. Of the 76 measures, 5 (6.5%) have been completed, 66 (87%) are judged to be on course to achieve the targets set, while 3 (4%) are judged to be considerably off target, and a further 2 (2.5%) are judged to be slightly off target. There are 0 measures (0%) to be reported later.
- 5.6. It is important to note that the data within the report attached at Appendix 1 does not always refer to the current reporting year. What is shown is the most recent data available, on the strength of which a judgement is made about whether the targets set in the Community Plan are likely to be achieved.
- 5.7. There are two amber measures and three red measures, and these are detailed below with explanatory commentary and the partner action that will be taken to improve the measure.

Thriving businesses and fair jobs: We will make it easy for businesses and social enterprises get all available help and advice from one place.

Outcome: South Lanarkshire is an attractive place to start, grow and locate a business

Action		Measure	Baseline	2024 Target	Latest	Comments
Red	Number of business support interventions per annum by Economic Development (grants, loans or advice) (Locally set target)	Total number of businesses/ social enterprises supported • Existing Organisations	1,200	1,200	1,014	<p>The business model of how South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) delivers client facing business support changed during this year and now relies on Business Gateway to deliver face to face advice to South Lanarkshire Businesses.</p> <p>This had an impact on the number of interventions that the council could support this year and will going forward.</p> <p>Although SLC and North Lanarkshire Council manage the Business Gateway contract, the council still offer grants and advisory support such as the council's Property Advice Service and Supplier Development Programme.</p>
	<p>Responsibility (Lead): Local Employability Partnership</p> <p>Partner action to improve the measure</p> <p>Due to a realignment of staffing in the SLC Business Support Team, and this coinciding with the Business Gateway moving from an external delivery model to 'in-house' provision, albeit the Business Gateway are employed by North Lanarkshire Council, there has been a move to a greater (almost complete) reliance on the Business Gateway to offer face to face business advice.</p> <p>Going forward, this indicator will be reviewed and amended to reflect the current business model for the next reporting year.</p>					

	Action	Measure	Baseline	2024 Target	Latest	Comments
Red	Number of business support interventions per annum by Economic Development (grants, loans or advice) (Locally set target)	Number and value of grants	£723,000 (Made up of European Regional Development Fund projected. £483,000 Plus £180,000 SLC monies, plus £60,000 UK Shared Prosperity Fund)	£723,000	£501.051	<p>62 business grants were awarded in the 2024/25 reporting year.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire Council's Business Grant Fund totalled £500,000 in the year 2024/25. These funds were supported by the UK Government via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSP).</p> <p>This figure when added to the amount spent on grants in the previous year to £995,986.44.</p> <p>This equates to a shortfall over the two years of £4,013.56, where SLC were allocated £1,000,000 (£500,000 per financial year) for Business Grants.</p>

Responsibility (Lead): Local Employability Partnership

Partner action to improve the measure

As mentioned above, the total business grant budget for 2023/24 and 2024/25 was £1,000,000. Over the two-year period grants totalling £995,986.44 were provided. This equates to a shortfall over the two years of £4,013.56. Please note that for 2025/26, the total annual grant budget will reduce from £500,000 to £100,000.

The baseline figure of £723,000 equates to the uncommitted monies for the Business Support Grant for the financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25. The total grant budget for these two years was £1,000,000 and was profiled to commit £500,000 in each year.

By the end of the 2024/25 financial year, South Lanarkshire Council had committed and awarded business grants totalling £995,986.44. This equates to a shortfall from the total budget of £4013.36. This shortfall could not have been overcome due to the fact that the business grants are retrospective and rely on projects being completed before grant monies can be awarded.

Good quality, suitable housing for everyone: We will work in partnership to prevent and significantly reduce homelessness, and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness

Outcome: Prevent homelessness and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness

Action		Measure	Baseline	2024/25 Target	Latest	Comments
Red	Deliver Housing Options Service with the aim of preventing homelessness	Increase the percentage of Housing Option interventions where homelessness is prevented	73.5%	70%	60%	During 2024-25, 60% (889) homeless household cases were prevented, broadly similar to the position recorded last year. The operating context in relation to the prevention of homelessness remains extremely challenging. The prevailing socio-economic conditions continue to adversely impact upon the ability to prevent homelessness during 2024/25. This trend has been mirrored nationally.
	Responsibility (Lead): Housing and Homelessness Service Partner action to improve the measure <p>The ability of the council and its partners to prevent homelessness continues to be a challenge. External factors such as ongoing cost of living increases and a decrease in the private rented sector limit the availability of housing options for many individuals and families. The impact of these factors has resulted in the local and national declarations of “housing emergencies”. Preventing and reducing the impact of homelessness continues to be a key focus for the council and partners and is a priority outcome within the Homelessness Strategic Plan, which was approved by the council’s Housing and Technical Resources Committee in September 2024 (replacing the Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan 2019/2024).</p> <p>The Housing Options Teams continue to focus on supporting those at risk of homelessness and where possible deliver interventions to prevent homelessness occurring.</p>					

Action		Measure	Baseline	2024/25 Target	Latest	Comments
Amber	Deliver Housing Options Service with the aim of preventing homelessness	Reduce repeat instances of homelessness	4.5%	3%	4.6%	<p>Instances of repeat homelessness have increased by 15% from 98 cases in 2023/24 to 113 in 2024/25. This has resulted in performance being slightly above the target of 3%.</p> <p>All repeat homelessness cases are reviewed to identify patterns and to inform future development and delivery of services.</p>
	<p>Responsibility (Lead): Housing and Homelessness Service</p> <p>Partner action to improve the measure</p> <p>The ability of the council and its' partners to prevent homelessness continues to be a challenge. There are a range of complex factors which contribute to repeat homelessness, and a multi-agency approach is essential to improving outcomes for those affected.</p> <p>The Homelessness Strategic Plan sets out key areas of work and initiatives, such as Intensive Outreach Support and Housing First, that the council and partners will continue to progress with the aim of preventing homelessness, including instances of repeat homelessness.</p> <p>While instances of repeat homelessness have increased by 15% between 2023/24 and 2024/25, it should be noted that overall there has been a 10% reduction in homelessness presentations.</p>					

People live the healthiest lives possible: We will provide high quality day-to-day health and social care services that are accessible to everyone in our community who needs them

Outcome: Health and Social Care Services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services

	Action	Measure	Comments
Amber	Implement Discharge Without Delay to return people to their home or community safely	Embed Home Assessment Team approach across localities to optimise independence of those discharged from hospital/prevention from hospital admission	In 2024/25, care packages were reduced on average by 29% following Home Assessment Team (HAT) intervention. In the same period, the service supported over 1,000 episodes of care; and 50% of service users who completed HAT intervention either required reduced or no support following intervention. Performance has fallen slightly short of the 30% annual target; however, it is acknowledged performance has been variable across the period and is influenced by the volume of individuals with complex needs being supported by the service who have little or no reablement potential. A review of the service model and criteria for the service is currently underway, which is expected to result in changes to pathways, increasing the flow and capacity through HAT which will have a positive impact on performance going forward.
Responsibility (Lead): South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board			
Partner action to improve the measure			
Teams continue to review the complexity of cases to determine if this is having an impact on the capacity to reduce hours. A review of the service model and criteria for the service is currently underway which is expected to result in changes to pathways, increasing the flow and capacity through HAT which will have a positive impact on performance going forward.			

5.8. Detailed progress against all outcomes and the related interventions contained within the Community Plan is noted within the Annual Performance Progress Report at Appendix 1.

6. Key Partnership Actions

6.1. Key actions for 2024/25 in relation to the delivery of priority themes, are highlighted below:-

Priority Theme: Putting learning at the centre
Achievements: Community Learning and Development Partnership - Vertigo Theatre and Vertigo 360
Vertigo Theatre is a drama group based at East Kilbride Universal Connections that meets on Thursday nights and provides access to high quality drama activity for young people aged 12 and up from across South Lanarkshire. Vertigo 360 sessions are for young people aged 8-18. Vertigo is different from many other youth theatre groups in that it was established and is facilitated using youth work values and principles. All Vertigo groups are run by a committee of members who are extremely effective in decision making in every aspect of the provision. Sessions are delivered by professional tutors and volunteers, many of whom began their development at Vertigo. At Vertigo, young people can meet a new peer group outwith school and enjoy a drama class that includes improvisation, confidence building and working with others.

Vertigo and Vertigo 360 have undertaken many large-scale performances over the years, and this year was no different! The group put on a fantastic sold-out production of 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' at East Kilbride Arts Centre in October 2024, adding to a storied list of successful productions organised and performed by the group since its inception. The young people of Vertigo report that they have gained and improved a number of transferable skills for life, learning and work over the course of 2024/25. With improvements to confidence and self-esteem, interpersonal skills and team working, and self-determination and aspirations, all noted by participants this year, they have greatly improved their access to higher education and employment. Indeed, former members of the group often report that a huge factor in their success has been the skills and security they gained through being part of Vertigo and that, had they not been part of it, their lives might have taken a very different direction. Many young people who have come through the ranks at Vertigo over the years have gone on to study theatre and music-based subjects at accredited drama and music schools and colleges, and are doing well within their professions as actors, stage managers and musicians.

Achievements: Community Learning and Development Partnership: Gear Change and Walk'n'Roll

Through funding from the Scottish Government, Cycling Scotland and Climate Action South Lanarkshire, 'Gear Change' has completed phase one of the project, qualifying staff in Cycle Leader, Mountain Bike Leader and First Aid to lead communities and learners in community cycles for Cambuslang Universal Connections' learners with their first outing being to the Cuningar Loop pump track. This project was in tandem with East Kilbride Universal Connections' 'Walk 'n' Roll' Project with introductory cycling sessions and a mixture of introductory and improvement walking sessions in each area. This provided staff with the opportunity to use the bikes to take learners (young people, adults or families) along the cycle paths in East Kilbride to Calderglen Park, spend time at the park, and then cycle back.

The other section of the project has promoted walking, again for young people, adults or families. Murder mystery and treasure trail maps have also been secured to make this much more enjoyable and provide further family learning within the experience. Future developments within the project seek to access National Trust Passes which will enable groups to go further afield. The net benefit of the use of bikes within the service has seen far reaching impacts and outcomes for our communities. It has supported learners to understand and improve their healthier lifestyle options, active travel options and learning opportunities to improve health and wellbeing and family learning experiences.

Priority Theme: Our children and young people thrive

Achievements: Children's Services Partnership: United Nations Convention on Rights of a Child (UNCRC) eLearning Module

A new UNCRC eLearning module has been created by our children and young people and has been made available across all public and third sector partners. The training was launched by the young people in January 2025 when they hosted a premiere event at Cineworld in Falkirk complete with red carpet for friends, families and partner organisations. The young people held a question and answer session after the film and displayed their great knowledge of the UNCRC, children's rights and the experience of creating the film.

This training puts children and young people at the heart of our rights-based practice and takes the form of a short film that informs staff in an entertaining way of the key messages in the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 and includes a cameo appearance from South Lanarkshire Council's Chief Executive Paul Manning. (Article 42 – the right to know your rights).

The project enabled Children's Services partners including Action For Children, Youth Family Community Learning and The Promise Development Team to work with a group of our young people to develop training content based on guidance from the Scottish Government on the Act. The webinar contributes substantially to commitments made in the 2023/26 Children's

Services Plan, regarding further embedding a children's rights-based culture and practice across our public sector.

Achievements: Children's Services Partnership: Care Day

An event to celebrate Care Day in February 2025, was planned with and led by young people from South Lanarkshire's Champion's Board. Following the 2024 event, the young people asked to be more involved in co-designing care day and in delivering the event on the day.

The young people hosted the event and challenged corporate parents to show how they were continuing to keep South Lanarkshire's Promise. The programme was designed by the Champions Board with attention to celebrating success as well as showcasing good practice. Breakout groups for both young people and corporate parents took place. Sessions focussed on poverty, Kinship Care, The Employability Promise and the ethos of The Promise.

This event brought together over 180 care experienced children and young people and corporate parents to share experiences and identify what more we can do together. (Articles 9, 20 and 21 - the right to be cared for).

Achievements: Children's Services Partnership: The Family Support Hubs

The Family Support Hubs have offered accessible provision in Hamilton, East Kilbride, Lanark and Cambuslang localities. Each area has a team of social workers, family support workers, group workers, peer workers, Children 1st staff and therapists who have offered families a wide range of support with a shared remit of providing whole family support that prevents crisis, reduces inequalities and improves child development, family functioning and wellbeing.

As a result of this 'no wrong door approach' for families, 75% of new referrals to Children and Families Social Work were dealt with by the hubs, a 14% increase from last year. A Parenting Support Group Work Pathway has been successfully implemented with key partners to ensure a coordinated approach to supporting parents through a range of evidence-based programmes and locally developed engagement based on Getting it Right for Every Child.

The hubs held a 'celebrating success' event in December 2024, which was attended by partners across health, education, social work, leisure and third sector to find out and celebrate the impact that the hubs were making to children and families across South Lanarkshire. The voices of children and families were the highpoint of the event when they shared their experiences through video of support and the difference it made to their lives.

The hubs are supporting more families at an earlier stage than previously was possible and have helped to reduce a range of more formal interventions e.g. less referrals to Social Work teams, fewer statutory Social Work interventions, lower rates of child protection investigations and fewer children on the Child Protection Register.

Achievements: Community Learning and Development Partnership: Pathfinders

The Pathfinders Programme is currently operating within six secondary schools (Cathkin High; Stonelaw High; Lanark Grammar; Calderside Academy; St Andrew's and St Bride's, and Carluke High) with 14 Youth, Family and Community Learning Pathfinder staff in post.

The early and effective model has supported vulnerable young people and their families through a whole family approach and attachment theory principles, working with other agencies to help young people achieve their best possible life outcomes, learning achievements and supporting them to reach their full potential.

Home visits and parental engagement keep families connected to the wider community and are ensuring appropriate referrals to the project. Young people and families are actively involved in designing the right supports for them. Staff are developing trusting relationships, working in partnership with young people and families, to ensure that the work is meaningful and supports each individual young person and family appropriately.

In the past 12 months, Pathfinders managed to involve 20% more young people than planned providing even more young people with the support required to meet their identified needs. Young people involved told us that Pathfinders has helped them improve their social skills, managing negative peer influences and improving their overall health and wellbeing.

Priority Theme: Local Employability Partnership: Thriving businesses and fair jobs

Achievements: South Lanarkshire Local Employability Partnership's Annual Investment Plan

Through the South Lanarkshire Local Employability Partnership's Annual Investment Plan there has been an increased focus on the delivery of 'Specialist Employability Support' to people with additional support needs and health related barriers to employment.

Routes to Work South have delivered an intensive support programme for participants who require support to address barriers including long-term health conditions and mental health challenges. The programme involves the delivery of bespoke health and wellbeing interventions designed to help clients overcome these challenges. Employability Advisors also work closely with individuals to improve routine, sleep patterns and social connections as part of a holistic approach to employability.

A men's peer-to-peer support group continues to be a valued and effective part of the service. It has demonstrated a deep understanding of clients' needs, providing not only emotional support but also a practical pathway toward increased confidence and readiness for work. The group offers a safe and welcoming environment where clients can openly discuss the barriers they face, connect with others who share similar experiences, and exchange ideas for building healthy habits and routines.

Building on the success of this initiative, which was initially tailored to male clients, we have now launched a dedicated women's wellbeing group. This group, introduced on International Women's Day, offers a supportive space to explore topics such as self-care, resilience, and personal growth. It has been designed to evolve based on the needs and interests of the women attending, giving them ownership over the themes, discussions and activities that matter most to them. This inclusive, client-led approach ensures that the service is both relevant and empowering, supporting participants not only in improving wellbeing but also in building the confidence to take steps toward employment.

Achievements: East Kilbride Skills Rail Academy Programmes

South Lanarkshire Council worked in partnership with Routes to Work South and QTS Training to deliver two East Kilbride Skills Rail Academy programmes during 2024/25. The programmes were delivered in conjunction with the East Kilbride Rail Enhancement projects at Hairmyres and East Kilbride stations and supported two intakes of 12 young people over 10-week periods followed by a 4-week work placement. The young people experienced a blend of sector-specific training which included Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS), personal track safety, certificates in emergency first aid, manual handling, and small plant tools as well as SQA Practical Skills for Employment. All young people completing the programme were successfully supported to progress to job opportunities within the sector.

Priority Theme: Caring, connected communities

Achievements: Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES)

South Lanarkshire Council and the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) have been chosen as one of three places in Scotland to work with Public Health Scotland (PHS) and the University College London Institute of Health Equity, headed by Professor Sir Michael Marmot who have partnered to create the 'Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland'.

A launch event was held on 25 February 2024 within the council offices, Almada Street, Hamilton which was attended by Professor Sir Michael Marmot, members of the CPP Board, CPP partners and community representatives including young people.

The event highlighted the aims of this collaboration to work at a national level, providing new insights into the most effective ways to progress with health equity in Scotland through Marmot's eight principles; and to work in partnership with Local Authority and NHS Boards across Aberdeen City, North Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire to develop and implement strategies to enhance health equity.

This project will take place over the next two years and will be delivered through four key stages which includes:-

- Analysis of data;
- Understanding enablers and barriers to action;
- Supporting a long-term strategy for health equity, development of recommendations for action and a prioritised implementation plan; and
- Working with other places and the national system in Scotland.

Achievements: Community Partnerships Self-Assessment

Cambuslang/Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships completed a Self-Assessment of how they were operating as a partnership. Supported by the Improvement Service who facilitated online meetings, they supported the Community Planning Partnership members to identify gaps and areas for improvement. This will assist the Community Planning Development Officer (CPDO) to address and support individual needs, i.e. training and development opportunities and in increasing awareness and understanding of the work of the CPP.

The CPDO has continued to build capacity within all the localities through meeting over 400 people and attending over 50 groups, reinforcing the value and importance at being part of the partnership and what it can bring to local groups and communities. This intense work has increased the membership level of the Partnerships significantly.

The survey is now complete and feedback has been provided to both Community Partnerships. A feedback session has taken place and the CPDO will work with the partnerships to create an improvement plan for implementation.

Achievements: Hamilton South Our Place Our Plan

The Hamilton South Our Place Our Plan Group meet regularly and continue to progress the priorities that form the basis of their Neighbourhood Action Plan. A schedule of meetings is in place and the group are planning community drop in events to engage the wider community in priority setting and community led action. Community safety continues to be a priority for the group and they have worked with other Neighbourhood Planning Groups across South Lanarkshire to develop a community safety leaflet aimed at promoting public reassurance and public reporting.

Participatory Budgeting (PB) has successfully catalysed community interest and participation. In September 2024, 911 residents took part in the PB public vote which is a significant increase on the previous round. Six proposals were received, and the quality and range of proposals was exceptional which included the purchase of IT equipment, safeguarding training, horticulture training, repairs and improvements to a community managed facility, a community reading initiative, physical activities for primary aged pupils and the purchase of a storage container for conversion to a community meeting space.

Priority Theme: Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

Achievements: Market Purchase Scheme

In recent years there have been significant increases in levels of homelessness across Scotland. In South Lanarkshire, this has led to an increase in the number of households with children and young people living in temporary accommodation.

It is recognised that temporary accommodation is not suitable for children or young people in the long term and a key focus for the council and its partners has been to provide these households with a permanent home as quickly as possible.

One of the actions progressed to tackle the increase in households with children and young people living in temporary accommodation has been to increase the scale of the Market Purchase Scheme. This scheme, part of the Affordable Housing Supply Programme, is funded by the council and the Scottish Government and enables existing homes being sold privately to be bought by the council and converted into tenancies.

130 homes were purchased in 2024/25, 56 of which were three or four bedroom homes suitable for families. To date, 54 of these have been let, providing a permanent home to 131 children and young people, who were either homeless or living in another home that did not meet their family's needs.

Along with other actions taken by the council and partners to tackle the increase in homelessness, the Market Purchase Scheme has supported a 25% reduction in the average time spent in temporary accommodation for households with children and young people.

Achievements: Supporting homeless households in their home

A key aim for the council and its partners in providing a home to someone experiencing homelessness, is to ensure that they are able to manage and maintain their tenancy in the long term to prevent homelessness from occurring again.

The circumstances of those who become homeless are varied, therefore a person-centred approach is taken to identify whether and to what extent a household requires support to live in a tenancy.

Officers within local housing teams work closely with households experiencing homelessness to discuss their circumstances and obtain a full and clear understanding of their needs. Based on these conversations, a detailed housing support plan is developed, and arrangements made to ensure that the household will receive the support they require when an appropriate home becomes available.

Some households do not require support or only need a small amount of support but where a household's needs are higher, there is a range of housing support, prevention and sustainability services available from the council and other partners. This can range from development of basic tenancy management skills to multi agency co-ordinated intensive support for those with complex needs.

In 2024/25, this partnership approach helped to ensure that 92% of homeless households who were provided with a home, sustained their tenancy for more than 12 months.

Priority Theme: People live the healthiest lives

Achievements: The Futures Project

A new partnership project, led by Social Work and Housing in cooperation with Barnardo's and supported by the National Lottery Community Fund, has been helping young people transition from care into their own accommodation. The project was developed with the assistance of the members of the South Lanarkshire Champions Board, a group of care-experienced young people who advocate for the needs of their peers and shape services within the South Lanarkshire area.

The Futures project provides wrap around support to young people leaving care and moving to independent living for the first time. This is done by providing four, furnished training flats together with intensive support to assist the young people in developing skills for setting up their home, maintaining a successful independent tenancy and building local community connections and networks before moving to fully independent living.

Achievements: Briar Centre - Brain Injury Rehabilitation

In Lanarkshire, around 250 people each year sustain a brain injury severe enough to require specialist rehabilitation. A dedicated brain injury rehabilitation facility - the Briar Centre based in Stonehouse opened this year. The Briar Centre — which takes its name from the acronym Brain Injury Assessment and Rehabilitation, and the resilient Briar Rose has ten in-patient beds providing intensive inpatient rehabilitation. This is complemented by the community brain injury rehabilitation service - a dedicated multi-disciplinary team of specialist health care professionals working together to provide rehabilitation tailored to each patient's needs. There is a state-of-the-art rehabilitation suite, therapy kitchen, sensory equipment and a garden space designed to support holistic healing.

The Briar Centre ensures those individuals can receive care closer to home, supported by a skilled and compassionate team committed to helping each patient reclaim their independence and quality of life.

The service provides seamless continuity of care from hospital to home, with tailored support at every stage of the rehabilitation journey. The Centre also offers support to help families navigate the challenges associated with brain injuries. It offers a holistic approach to rehabilitation for those recovering from a brain injury and provides a wonderful example of what can be achieved when health and social care come together with shared purpose and professionalism.

Achievements: Inspection

A range of our services, including Care at Home teams, Home Assessment teams and Blantyre Life, have been subject to inspection by the Care Inspectorate during 2024/25. The feedback has been positive throughout with areas of inspection graded as 'very good' or 'good' and inspectors highlighting significant strengths in relation to the delivery of care; positive outcomes for people; strong leadership; and a highly trained workforce.

Achievements: Care Opinion

In 2024/25, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership received a total of 685 stories from service users, patients, their families and carers via Care Opinion. Care Opinion is enhancing our understanding of people's experiences with health and care and has been crucial in helping us build on our strengths while also identifying areas for improvement, allowing us to make targeted refinements wherever appropriate.

7. Annual Outcomes Improvement Report

7.1. A copy of the statutory draft Annual Outcomes Improvement Report is attached at Appendix 2. This has been submitted for the Board's approval before publication on the CPP website by 30 September 2025. An outline of the content of the 2024/25 report is set out below:-

- Section 1:
 - Introduction to Community Planning in South Lanarkshire;
- Section 2:
 - Our Ambitions – Delivery of the Community Plan; Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland;
- Section 3:
 - Community Plan - Performance Highlights;
- Section 4:
 - Community Plan: Overall Performance at a glance;
- Section 5 - Places for Wellbeing: how we are making a difference:
 - Thriving Businesses and Fair Jobs – Living Wage;
 - Caring, connected communities – Planning: Local Development Plan 3;
 - People live the healthiest lives – Keep Well;
 - Putting learning at the centre – Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability;

- Our children and young people thrive – Children’s Rights in South Lanarkshire; and
- Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone – Working together to help those experiencing homelessness.
- Section 6 - Working with Communities: How you can get involved
 - Community Participation and Engagement;
 - Neighbourhood Planning;
 - Volunteering;
 - Community Asset Transfer; and
 - Participation Requests.
- Appendix 1 – Links to the National Performance Framework and UN Sustainable Development Goals
- Appendix 2 – CPP Structure Diagram

8. Employee Implications

8.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

9. Financial Implications

9.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

10.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

11. Other Implications

11.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with the content of this report.

12. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

12.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

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Progress Report

Community Plan 2022-2032

Quarter 4 2024-25 (April to March)

Summary - number of actions complete, green, amber, red and to be reported later under each Priority

Priority areas of action	Complete	Green	Status Amber	Red	To be reported later	Total
Putting learning at the centre	0	11	0	0	0	11
Our children and young people thrive	2	14	0	0	0	16
Thriving businesses and fair jobs	0	10	0	2	0	12
Caring, connected communities	2	13	0	0	0	15
Good quality, suitable housing for everyone	1	11	1	1	0	14
People live the healthiest lives possible	0	7	1	0	0	8
Total	5	66	2	3	0	76

Key:

Statistical Measures
Project Measures

Putting learning at the centre

We will work with and support people of all ages to help them re-engage with education and learning or to improve their employability skills

Outcome: People experiencing barriers to employment are supported into sustainable work

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
A.1.1	Provide key worker based employability support and learning to targeted groups	Increase the percentage of employability participants progressing to positive destinations	<p>Currently, 81.7% of employability participants who have taken part in the project have progressed to positive destinations. This is an increase of 24.9% from the previous figure of 56.8%.</p> <p>These destinations include employment, further education or training, returning to school or moving on to additional employability support for continued development.</p> <p>The remaining 18.3% have not progressed, primarily due to leaving the programme early for various reasons, such as changes in personal circumstances or disengagement from the service.</p>	Green	56.8%	2023-24	81.7%	2024-25	60%	62%	65%

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
A.1.2	Provide targeted support to adults facing barriers to employment	Number of people supported into training, education and employment	From April 2024 to March 2025, a total of 1,981 adults signed up to receive employability support. Additionally, some individuals who began their programmes in the previous financial year continued to receive support during this period. As such, all participants, both new and continuing, are included in the reported outcomes. During this time, 601 adults entered employment, while 277 progressed into further education or training. Those who did not achieve an outcome within this period include participants still actively engaged in their programmes and those who left early or disengaged.	Green
A.1.3	Provide a range of employability programmes to parents through the Tackling Child Poverty funding programme	Number of parents/carers supported across the six priority groups into training, employment and education	As above, all new and continuing participants are included in reported outcomes. 448 parents/carers from the six priority groups signed up for employability support in the period April 2024 to March 2025. Within the same period, 125 moved into employment and 88 into further education and training. Those who did not achieve an outcome within this period include participants still actively engaged in their programmes and those who left early or disengaged.	Green
A.1.4	Provide specialist employability support to young people and adults with additional support needs	Number of young people and adults provided with specialist Employability Support supported into training, employment and education	As above, all new and continuing participants are included in reported outcomes. 392 young people and adults with a disability/additional support needs signed up to receive support in the period April 2024 to March 2025. Within the same period, 97 moved into employment and 40 into further education and training. Those who did not achieve an outcome within this period include participants still actively engaged in their programmes and those who left early or disengaged.	Green
A.1.5	We will work with and support people of all ages to help them re-engage with education and learning or to improve their employability skills	Learners will be offered opportunities to learn skills that meet their needs across a range of settings. We will work with learners to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance their parenting skills Help parents to support their child's learning 	As a result of Community Learning and Development (CLD) work delivered by the Youth Family and Community Learning Service across a range of education and community settings the following has been achieved in 2024-25: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 494 learners have enhanced their parenting skills; 145 learners are better able to support their child during key transitions (such as from primary into secondary school); and 157 learners are better able to support curricular 	Green

			learning.	
		<p>We will continue to support learners to progress to other appropriate learning opportunities, ensuring that we meet ongoing needs. We will work with learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help them re-engage with education/ learning • Help them access volunteering opportunities • Help them access any other appropriate learning programmes or opportunities • Improve their employability skills 	<p>As a result of Community Learning and Development work delivered by the Youth Family and Community Learning Service across a range of education and community settings the following has been achieved in 2024-25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 828 learners have re-engaged with education/ learning; • 378 are accessing volunteering opportunities across the service; • 623 have progressed to other appropriate learning programmes or opportunities; and • 679 learners have improved their employability skills and 111 have progressed to employment. 	Green

Putting learning at the centre

We will support young people to progress to further learning, work or training when they leave school

Outcome: Young people will be supported to progress to sustained positive destinations when they leave school

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
A.2.1	Support young people to progress to positive post-school destinations	Increase the School Leaver Destination Rate (SLDR) initial positive destination rate	3,625 young people left school in 2023-24, 96.4% of whom achieved a positive destination. This was a reduction of 0.5% from 2022-23. South Lanarkshire achieved a higher rate than the national rate of 95.7% and placed 10th of the 32 Local Authorities.	Green	96.2% (SLC) 95.5% (Scotland)	2020-21	96.4% (SLC) 95.7% (Scotland)	2023-24	97%	97%	97%
		Decrease the gap in the School Leaver Destination Rate (SLDR) initial positive destination rate between the most and least deprived data zones	South Lanarkshire has a gap of 3.2% which has increased slightly from 2022-23 (2.9%) and compares to 4.3% across Scotland.	Green	6.1% (SLC) 4.4% (Scotland)	2020-21	3.2% 4.3% (Scotland)	2023-24	2.9%	3%	3%
		Increase number and percentage of looked after school leavers in a positive destination by local authority	There were 68 young people in this cohort classed as 'care experienced'. The positive destination rate is 91.2% for this group of leavers and remains above the national rate.	Green	92.5% (SLC) 86% (Scotland)	2020-21	91.2% (SLC) 87.2% (Scotland)	2023-24	93%	93.5%	94%

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A.2.2	Deliver targeted support and learning opportunities to young people in the last 6 months of school through the Aspire programme	Number of young people engaged on the programme	741 young people engaged in the Aspire programme. The Aspire programme has three options for young people to support them as they approach their school leaving date, this includes individualised one-to-one support, college-based leaver programmes and groupwork.	Green
A.2.3	South Lanarkshire Council and Skills Development Scotland will work together to track the destinations of young people aged 16-19 including regular home visits	Number of young people who did not achieve/sustain a positive destination referred to support through tracking and re-engaged	The Employability Service tracked the initial destinations of all South Lanarkshire leavers and conducted a robust tracking exercise in collaboration with Skills Development Scotland to identify and engage young people who did not achieve/sustain a positive destination. In 2024-25, 104 young people were successfully re-engaged through this tracking exercise.	Green

Our Children and Young People Thrive

We will work to ensure children have the best start in life and become everything they can be

Outcome: Every family should get the right support at the right time for as long as they need

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
B.1.1	Four Family Support Hubs to promote a no wrong door approach and GIRFEC Pathways with community, third sector and universal pathways to be strengthened	By March 2025, there will be a 60% reduction in new referrals to Social Work Resources escalating to local office allocations	<p>The Family Support Hubs have offered accessible provision in Hamilton, East Kilbride, Lanark and Cambuslang localities. Each area has a team of social workers, family support workers, group workers, peer workers, Children 1st staff and therapists who have offered families a wide range of different types of support with a shared remit of providing whole family support that prevents crisis, reduces inequalities and improves child development, family functioning and wellbeing.</p> <p>As a result of this 'no wrong door approach' for families, 75% of new referrals to Children and Families Social Work were dealt with by the hubs, a 14% increase from last year (61%). A Parenting Support Group Work Pathway has been successfully implemented with key partners to ensure a coordinated approach to supporting parents through a range of evidence-based programmes and locally developed engagement based on Getting it Right for Every Child. 76% of parents who attended the Incredible Years Programme</p>	Green	60%	2024	75%	2024-25	60%	TBC	TBC

			<p>reported an improvement in their child's strengths and difficulties score. 96% of parents who attended the 'You and Your Child' programme reported an improved understanding of their child's developmental needs and how to meet these as parents.</p> <p>There has been an increase in participation from fathers this year both in the Dad's Group and across the other programmes. Across the Hubs there is a range of groups and activities available for children and young people, including group work for teens, summer activities and outdoor learning.</p>									
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B.1.2	Family Group Decision Making as a core partner to Early Years Multi Agency Service	By March 2024, 80% of families supported will report improvement in involvement in planning supports for their children and their family	<p>Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) is available to families at the pre-birth stage to help them find their own solutions to any challenges they are facing. This service is provided by Children First and 74 families have been introduced to FGDM this year.</p> <p>The Parents Plan approach was introduced in March 2024. At this stage the average number of pre-birth investigations was 1.2 per week. It took a number of months to see a sustained shift but from December 2024 the shift below the baseline has been sustained for 14 weeks and the new average per week has reduced to 0.4, which is a 67% reduction in the number of pre-birth investigations initiated for unborn babies.</p> <p>As a result of this approach, all families supported have reported improvement in support for their children and their family. Outcome scales completed with families at the beginning and the end of their engagement in FGDM</p>	Green

			indicates a 100% improvement of all outcomes. This measurement scale is used with all families engaged in the support and data is available.	
		Implementation of a Parents Plan to prevent escalation to child protection	The Parents Plan approach was introduced in March 2024 to provide a more whole family lens on supporting a child at the perinatal/infant stage and also to enable the views of parents to be articulated in any assessment and plan for support. At this stage the average number of pre-birth investigations was 1.2 per week. It took a number of months to see a sustained shift but from December 2024 the shift below the baseline has been sustained for 14 weeks and the new average per week has reduced to 0.4, which is a 67% reduction in the number of pre-birth investigations initiated for unborn babies.	Green
B.1.3	Continue to refine and consolidate the Pathfinders approach	By March 2025, 60% of children and young people accessing Pathfinders will report improvement across three outcome indicators	<p>The Pathfinders Programme currently operates in six secondary schools in South Lanarkshire (Cathkin High, Stonelaw High, Lanark Grammar, Calderside Academy, St Andrew's and St Bride's and Carluke High), and is supported by the Family and Community Learning Pathfinder Service.</p> <p>The early and effective model of engagement has supported vulnerable young people and their families through a whole family approach and is focused on improving attachment and family relationships. The multi-agency model is helping young people achieve their best possible life outcomes, and supporting them to reach their full potential with the aim of helping to close the attainment gap.</p> <p>Home visits and parental engagement have helped to keep families connected with the wider community and young people are actively engaged in ensuring that the right support is in place for them throughout the project.</p> <p>Families have had a say in how Pathfinders has developed to ensure that the work is relevant, meaningful, bespoke and holistic and that it supports each individual young person and family appropriately.</p> <p>Over the past 12 months, the programme has exceeded its initial target to engage 350 young people and families, working with a total of 421 young people and families</p>	Green

			<p>accessing support and benefiting from sustained engagement that is helping to meet identified needs.</p> <p>In helping to evaluate the impact of the project, young people involved have reported that they have developed their social skills, are more able to manage negative peer influences and have improved their overall health and wellbeing.</p>	
B.1.4	Test an improvement approach to support at least 10 families with children with disabilities to cope with the financial demands of having a child/children with disabilities	<p>By March 2025, 80% of families supported report an improvement in financial wellbeing and at least one of the other targeted outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved health and wellbeing; • Reduced social isolation; and • Increased engagement with education, training or employment 	<p>The Paths Away From Poverty project developed co-produced, person centered, needs led support plans with families, which included goals and/or aspirations in respect of support to work through barriers, difficulties and/or complexities they were experiencing.</p> <p>Eight families benefited from a range of supports including regular one-to-one sessions for parents and carers, group sessions to develop peer networking and support opportunities and supported access to a range of essential services and amenities e.g. GPs, Housing providers, family support hubs, DWP, clothing and food banks, Lanarkshire Carers etc. This navigation role was a key element of the practice model in helping families access the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial wellbeing support debt and budgeting advice and new applications for various benefits; • GP and Health Services e.g. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and occupational therapy; • Engagement with housing providers to work collaboratively on housing issues, such as rent arrears; • Local food and clothing banks; • Time out from their caring role; and • Specialist help when necessary, e.g. signposting to 'Talk Now' counselling to support historic trauma and ongoing poor mental wellbeing. <p>All families reported a reduction in financial stress and other additional outcomes e.g:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved quality of living within the home as a result of better access to additional resources via local authority and housing services; 	Green

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families more open and trusting of staff as a result of changes which have taken place in their lives and their children's lives; Parents are choosing to fully engage within their support and support from other sources e.g. school, housing etc; Improved health and wellbeing, as a result of stronger and more trusting relationships with NHS Lanarkshire, CAMHS and local GP surgeries; Improved confidence and motivation of parents/carers who have Additional Support Needs and being more open to engage with their local community; Families more able to identify opportunities to connect with other community members, such as trusted neighbours, family members etc; and Reduced isolation, due to families being supported to engage in meetings, appointments, activities and outings within their local community. <p>An additional three families were referred to the project but their circumstances had improved enough to not require ongoing support.</p>	
B.1.5	Four Family Support Hubs to promote a no wrong door approach and GIRFEC Pathways with community, third sector and universal pathways to be strengthened	By March 2026, 80% of parents supported will report improvements in family wellbeing	<p>The Family Support Hubs have offered accessible provision in Hamilton, East Kilbride, Lanark and Cambuslang localities. Each area has a team of social workers, family support workers, group workers, peer workers, Children First staff and therapists who have offered families a wide range of different types of support with a shared remit of providing whole family support that prevents crisis, reduces inequalities and improves child development, family functioning and wellbeing.</p> <p>Across the Hubs there is a range of groups and activities available for children and young people, including group work for teens, summer activities and outdoor learning.</p> <p>There has been an increase in participation from fathers this year both in the Dad's Group and across the other programmes.</p>	Green

			<p>As a result of this 'no wrong door approach' for families, 75% of new referrals to Children and Families Social Work were dealt with by the Hubs, a 14% increase from last year.</p> <p>A Parenting Support Group Work Pathway has been successfully implemented with key partners to ensure a coordinated approach to supporting parents through a range of evidence-based programmes and locally developed engagement based on Getting it Right for Every Child.</p> <p>76% of parents, who attended the Incredible Years Programme, reported an improvement in their child's strengths and difficulties score and 96% of parents who attended the You and Your Child programme reported an improved understanding of their child's developmental needs and how to meet these as parents.</p>	
B.1.6	Health and Social Work to work collaboratively with parents to identify strengths and areas for improvement in relation to neglect	Number of families completing the neglect toolkit by March 2025	<p>The implementation of the 'Working with Neglect Practice Toolkit' in South Lanarkshire has been in progress over the past 2½ years, with training being a part of the implementation.</p> <p>Responding to Neglect training continues to be available within the Public Protection Learning and Development Programme, with 3 sessions delivered each year. Going forward, the training will move from virtual Microsoft Teams to face-to-face delivery.</p> <p>In total, 199 frontline staff and managers from Social Work, Health, Education and the Third Sector have completed the Responding to Neglect training.</p>	Green

Our Children and Young People Thrive

We will work to ensure that the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families is improved

Outcome: Every child and young person should be able to access local community services which support and improve their mental health and wellbeing

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
B.2.1	Deliver one Mellow Bumps Pregnancy Session in each locality in partnership with the Family Support Hubs	By March 2024, 80% of participants in the Mellow Bumps Pregnancy Sessions will report increased knowledge and understanding about stress, anxiety and self-care	Sixteen parents completed the Mellow Bumps programme, which is having a positive impact on families' wellbeing and is helping to build stronger relationships with those who are less likely to access universal services. The programme is helping to develop social connections through meeting other mums-to-be and learning about infant development and how to support it. Feedback from participants has been positive, with all mums-to-be reporting feeling better about themselves and at least two thirds telling us the programme had helped identify their personal strengths and build positive bonds with their baby. Participants said that the group provided support and practical strategies to help them connect with their bumps.	Green
B.2.2	Create and implement training at informed level to be delivered to Children's Services staff through a Learn Online module	By March 2024, at least 50 Children's Services staff will have accessed the Learn Online module and reported an increase in confidence in supporting children and young people at risk of self-harm and suicide	<p>The learn online module is now in place.</p> <p>Further to discussions, it was agreed that this should not be a generic module for all Children's Services staff and should be more targeted. School counsellors were identified due to the role they play in supporting children and young people within an education setting. An adapted, online module of the training was provided and targeted at this group.</p> <p>Training invites were sent to all school counselling providers within South Lanarkshire. In response, five out of six counselling providers sent their school counsellors to attend the training. 32 out of a possible 44 school counsellors took part (73%).</p>	Green
B.2.3	Key members of staff who support children and young people at risk of self-harm and suicide to attend Lifelines Lanarkshire	By March 2024, at least 75% of staff who have attended Lifelines Lanarkshire training have shown an increase in confidence supporting children and young people at risk of self-harm and suicide following the training	<p>Lifelines Lanarkshire multi-agency guidance training was provided for key staff to learn about Lifelines Lanarkshire and how to use the guidance to provide support to children/young people they may be in contact with within their role.</p> <p>A need was identified to focus on school counsellors, due to</p>	Green

	training		<p>the role they play in supporting children and young people within an education setting. An adapted, online module of the training was provided and targeted at this group.</p> <p>Training invites were sent to all school counselling providers within South Lanarkshire. In response, five out of six counselling providers sent their school counsellors to attend the training. 32 out of a possible 44 school counsellors took part (73%).</p> <p>As a result, the training helped to raise awareness of staff about self-harm and suicide and increase their confidence about how to talk about self-harm and suicide.</p> <p>Of the staff participating, 65% reported increased knowledge, understanding and confidence in self-harm and suicide. 96% highlighted an increase in confidence regarding using the Lifelines Lanarkshire guidance materials.</p>	
B.2.4	Continue roll out of Kooth service and increase the use of this	By March 2024, at least 80% of registered users will report Kooth is effective in supporting them with their emotional wellbeing needs	<p>The Kooth digital platform helps young people to access emotional wellbeing support and therapy through a peer community and professional support approach. South Lanarkshire children and young people are actively engaged and using all aspects of the platform. Between April 2024-March 2025, 678 young people accessed Kooth with 72% of them reporting that the platform content was a useful form of support.</p>	Green

Our Children and Young People Thrive

We will work to ensure that the life chances of children and young people in need of care and protection are improved

Outcome: Children and young people should grow up loved, safe, respected and listened to

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
B.3.1	In conjunction with care experienced young people develop ways that make it easier for them to participate in the ongoing improvement in key decision-making processes and capture the impact of their views and voices	70% of care experienced young people tell us that they feel more able to participate in key decision-making processes	<p>A new suite of documents has been completed for use and have been designed by care experienced young people using trauma informed language.</p> <p>The paperwork was benchmarked with Promise colleagues from different local authorities coming together to review its use e.g. outcomes and attendance at planning and review meetings for looked after children. The 'team around the child' professionals have reported increased attendance, improved participation as well as a better understanding of the layout. 100% of children and young people report they are more able to participate in key decision making processes as a result.</p> <p>The Champions Board members have now met with Corporate Parents on a regular basis including the council's Chief Executive and other key decision makers.</p> <p>The 'Champions' have provided feedback advising that they collectively feel more included, consulted and more able to influence change at varying levels such as the 'Keeping The Promise Thematic Group', with the Housing Planning Group and Health Services.</p> <p>'Mini Champs' groups have been established in all secondary schools and are supported by the Promise Development Team and care experienced teachers to ensure that the voices of care experienced pupils are heard.</p>	Green
B.3.2	Support young people from 16 years old to actively manage their Child Trust Fund and/or Junior ISA savings account currently administered by the	70% of young people report they are better informed about financial planning	Within three months of their 16 th birthday, all care experienced young people are issued with a letter from the Share Foundation (via their social worker) informing them of their rights to take charge of their Child Trust Fund and how to do it. A number of partners are supporting the process of making care experienced young people aware of the trust funds and junior ISAs and their benefits. These include	Green

	Share Foundation		<p>Social Work staff, Family Connections Team, Secondary Schools, the Champions Board and the Community Engagement Team (via the Financial Inclusion Network).</p> <p>Social Workers provide support to the young person undertaking the process of claiming their trust fund. The Continuing Care and Aftercare team support the council's relationship with the Share Foundation and its relevance to the young people they support.</p> <p>Progress has been made in identifying groups of young people who could potentially 'slip through the net'. The Family Connections Team are involved with tracing and contacting those young people who no longer have any social work involvement but whose trust fund remains with the Share Foundation. Schools are also being asked to help trace young people with trust funds, who do not have social work involvement.</p> <p>In addition, some young people have been supported to engage with the Stepladder Plus programme, which can earn them up to £1,500 (to be deposited in their trust fund) upon completion of all its stages. This programme is open to 15-17 year olds and is run by the Share Foundation. So far, £14,750 has been earned by 14 young people, including 8 who have received the maximum amount. All the young people who have participated in the support programme report that they are better informed about financial planning.</p>	
B.3.3	Meet housing needs through continued development of Person-Centred Pathway Planning	By March 2024, 100% of young people will have a Person-Centred Pathway Plan	<p>This action is now complete and the implementation of this work ensures that 100% of young people who need it have a Person-Centred Pathway Plan in place to support their housing needs.</p> <p>This work is being further informed by a Housing led test of change called 'SLC Futures' in partnership with other council resources and Barnardos, which has successfully supported six young people into training flats with two young people receiving settled tenancies by year end of support and a further four young people supported through outreach services.</p>	Blue

			<p>Some output examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughcare Protocol implemented and 3 sessions with Champions Board members completed. • 44 new Throughcare Applications received during 2024-25. • 49 active applications as at the end of March 2025. • 43 Throughcare Young People housed as at the end of March 2025. <p>This work is now embedded in the offer of Throughcare and After Care Support.</p>	
B.3.4	Test the Throughcare Mental Health Pathway is offering the correct level of support for those with low and medium need	By March 2024, 75% of young people have been offered a low or medium need mental health support, report it has improved their mental wellbeing	Test of the Throughcare Mental Health Pathway concluded at the end of March 2024, with a sustainable model being progressed through the School Nursing Team. 102 referrals were made between August 2022 - March 2024 (average 3.6 per month). Of these, 75% engaged with the service and 63% reported that the support has improved their mental wellbeing. This work is now embedded in the work of the School Nursing Team.	Blue
B.3.5	Provide targeted support to care experienced young people to engage and sustain participation in South Lanarkshire Local Employability Partnership (SLLEP) funded employability programmes	By March 2024, establish a baseline percentage of care experienced young people engaging with SLLEP funded employability activity progressing to a positive destination	<p>A baseline of 65% was established in March 2024. In 2024-25 this target has been exceeded. 91 care experienced young people engaged with employability services, 86.8% progressed to a positive destination. A breakdown of the destinations is as follows:</p> <p>Employment/Modern Apprenticeship – 8.</p> <p>Further/Higher Education – 45.</p> <p>Progression to next stage Employability support – 26.</p>	Green

Thriving businesses and fair jobs

We will work to make sure everyone has the same opportunities to learn new skills

Outcome: People experiencing barriers to employment are supported into sustainable work

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---			---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period		Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
C.1.1	Work with employers to progress people to employment	Number of employability participants progressing to employment	The number of employability participants progressing into employment has increased this year by 16.3%.	Green	623	2023-24	725	2024-25		625	650	700

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
C.1.2	Deliver sector-based training to employability participants	Demand led sector-based training will be delivered to meet the needs of the Labour Market	The Local Employability Partnership Operational Sub-Group met throughout the year to identify need across employability caseloads and agree provision to be delivered. Training has included construction tasters, hair and beauty tasters, QTS Rail Academy, Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) cards and Social Care.	Green
C.1.3	Provide in-work support and training through the Upskilling programme	Number of employed people engaging with the Upskilling programme	19 parents have engaged on the Aim to Achieve (Upskilling programme) and accessed in-work training. For 2025-26 the programme will merge with Supporting Families and in-work support will be provided as part of a wider parental employability approach.	Green
C.1.4	Work with employers to identify vacancies for progression for employability participants	Number of new employer engagement contacts developed and vacancies filled	Across South Lanarkshire Council and our partners, Routes to Work South, we have engaged with and provided support to 524 employers, actively managing and filling 392 vacancies with clients from across all our employability programmes.	Green

Thriving businesses and fair jobs

We will ensure that the place where you live is at the heart of our response to the climate emergency and help places to become sustainable

Outcome: Thriving town and neighbourhood centres provide a focal point for local communities

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
C.2.1	Deliver the town centre masterplans for East Kilbride and Hamilton whilst continuing to support South Lanarkshire town centres over the next 10 years, and a series of town specific strategies and action plans will sit below this, giving a template for placemaking within our communities	<p>Monitor and deliver town centre measures and initiatives in line with town strategies, Community Wealth Building and 20 Minute Neighbourhood approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre Vacancy Rates – maintain at or below national averages Businesses supported (including Social Enterprise) – support across towns and places 	<p>Both masterplans are progressing well. A Project Management (PM) Team has been appointed to help deliver the East Kilbride Masterplan and £50.3m of funding has been secured. Working towards demolition of Centre West, delivery of a new Civic Hub and residential development.</p> <p>£8m has been secured towards the delivery of the Hamilton Masterplan. A list of suitable projects to take the plan forward has been drawn up and will go to council committee in August 2025. A PM Team will also be appointed for Hamilton Town Centre shortly and plans are progressing well for the town square development.</p> <p>Town Centre Vacancy Rates sit, in general, below the national average with the exception of East Kilbride and Hamilton. Both of these town centres have an over-supply of retail which is being addressed by the masterplans.</p> <p>With a commitment to rebalance the town centres away from an over-reliance on retail, the masterplans seek to forge a community focused future, fostering connectivity, liveability and economic vitality for generations to come.</p>	Green

Thriving businesses and fair jobs

We will make it easy for businesses and social enterprises get all available help and advice from one place

Outcome: South Lanarkshire is an attractive place to start, grow and locate a business

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
C.3.1	Number of new South Lanarkshire business starts supported by Business Gateway (Locally set target)	Total number of businesses/social enterprises supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New start-ups 	Over 2024-25, the council's Business Support to new start-ups delivered under the Business Gateway (BG) brand supported 907 unique start-up businesses. From February 2024, and following an options appraisal, the BG contract was brought in-house in February 2024 and is managed and delivered by North Lanarkshire Council as lead for BG across the whole of Lanarkshire. The Business Gateway have access to several locations in South Lanarkshire where BG staff can operate from to ensure reach and accessibility to businesses/ social enterprise across South Lanarkshire.	Green	500	2023-24	907	2024-25	500	N/A	N/A
C.3.2	Number of business support interventions per annum by Economic Development (grants, loans or advice) (Locally set target)	Total number of businesses/social enterprises supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Organisations 	The business model of how South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) delivers client facing business support changed during this year and now rely on Business Gateway to deliver face-to-face advice to South Lanarkshire Businesses. This had an impact on the number of interventions that SLC can support this year and will going forward.	Red	1,200	2023-24	1,014	2024-25	1,200	N/A	N/A

			Although SLC and North Lanarkshire Council (NLC) manage the Business Gateway contract, SLC still offer grants and advisory support such as the SLC Property Advice Service and Supplier Development Programme.								
		Number and value of grants	<p>62 business grants were awarded in the 2024-25 reporting year.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire Council's (SLC) Business Grant Fund totaled £500,000 in the year 2024-25. These funds were supported by the UK Government via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.</p> <p>This figure when added to the amount spent on grants in the previous year is £995,986.44.</p> <p>This equates to a shortfall over the two years of £4,013.56, where SLC were allocated £1,000,000 (£500,000 per financial year) for Business Grants.</p>	Red	£723,000 (Made up of European Regional Development Fund projected. £483,000 Plus £180,000 SLC monies, plus £60,000 UK Shared Prosperity Fund)	2023-24	£501.051	2024-25	£723,000	N/A	N/A
		Grants awarded to businesses/social enterprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding leveraged 	<p>This figure equates to the amount of private sector contributions made by applicant businesses to our Business Growth Grant.</p> <p>All of the council's current Business Grants require private match funding from the applicant. This information is required from all applicant</p>	Green	N/A	N/A	£490,385	2024-25	N/A	N/A	N/A

			businesses, and this detail will continue to be sought.									
		Total number of jobs • Jobs safeguarded	The total figure of jobs created and sustained is 528, which exceeds the set target of 500.	Green	500	2023-24	528	2024-25	500	N/A	N/A	
		Total number of jobs • Jobs created	The total figure of jobs created and sustained is 528, of which 53 are new jobs that have been created, which exceeds the set target of 500.	Green	Included in above baseline data figure as overall target - jobs created/sustained	2023-24	53	2024-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	
		Total number of jobs • Increase in Turnover/Sales	<p>This figure is taken from Business Grant applications and demonstrates the significant positive impact our grant scheme has on supporting local businesses, and in particular, the growth aspirations of the businesses.</p> <p>The increase in turnover and sales is £8,532,339.</p>	Green	N/A	N/A	£8,532,339	2024-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Caring, connected communities

We will continue to support and encourage every community to identify and act on their local priorities

Outcome: Communities feel empowered to identify and act on their local priorities

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
D.1.1	Ensure communities are engaged and supported to participate in local decision making	Develop standards and a framework for the planning, delivery and evaluation of place based Participatory Budgeting programmes	A Participatory Budgeting (PB) Community Advisory Group has been established to help develop a basic toolkit/rule book for PB across the ten Neighbourhood Planning areas. This group will work alongside established Our Place Our Plan (OPOP) and Neighbourhood Planning groups to ensure that PB processes are robust and fit for purpose. Identifying areas for improvement is also a fundamental priority of PB.	Green
		Strengthen the Neighbourhood Planning and Participatory Budgeting approach by co-producing standards and a framework for the involvement of young people	Work is ongoing with Our Place Our Plan (OPOP) Stakeholder Groups, and other Neighbourhood Planning groups, to develop bespoke approaches and opportunities, to ensure young people have a voice in the Participatory Budgeting (PB) process. Focus groups are also being held in partnership with youth service providers to increase the work of the PB Community Advisory Group.	Green
D.1.2	Fulfil statutory Locality Planning duties to reduce inequalities within identified priority neighbourhoods	Work with local communities in the area of East Kilbride South to identify local priorities and prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their area	<p>The East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan is in development. Initial engagement from local residents, community views and engagement with young people from local schools has taken place and data analysis is in process.</p> <p>Development of the Stakeholder Group has been a priority to build capacity. The local library and community hall were listed at risk of closure in spring/summer 2024 which are assets that are highly referenced in the community feedback. This situation became a catalyst for increasing community engagement and for the local community to come together. The Stakeholder Group understood this is a priority for the local community and would like to ensure the assets are opened by local organisations before proceeding into further community action planning workshops and events.</p>	Green

			A Participatory Budgeting event has been held by the Stakeholder Group with Third Sector partner Healthy & Active hosting the funds with £7,000 funding awarded to 8 local groups. A total of 3,480 votes were cast from 1,160 people.	
		Evaluate the Neighbourhood Planning approach for South Lanarkshire and implement improvement actions	Evaluations are planned in the more established Neighbourhood Planning areas, beginning in Strutherhill and Birkenshaw. Learning from this will be used to support a roll-out in Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank, and Springhall and Whitlawburn. The other seven Neighbourhood Planning areas will follow.	Green
D.1.3	Ensure children's rights and awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is embedded in the work of partner organisations	Develop a UNCRC webinar to support the understanding of children's rights and the UNCRC across the CPP workforce	<p>The UNCRC webinar, designed with young people and funded through the Community Planning Partnership (CPP), is now complete and accessible to all partners via the Fusion Learning and Development platform. External partners can access via a link.</p> <p>Partners have been informed of availability via the Children's Services Partnership structures and the CPP Progress Group. Partners have been asked to encourage all staff to complete the webinar as part of staff awareness of the UNCRC.</p> <p>This forms part of the commitment to implementing the requirements of the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) 2024.</p>	Blue

Caring, connected communities

We will bring communities together to share priorities and work jointly on them

Outcome: Communities feel connected, share priorities and work together to create change

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
D.2.1	We will bring communities together to share priorities and work jointly on them	Continue to develop and strengthen the membership of the Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships	<p>In the Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnership areas, efforts are still being made to increase membership and capacity through ongoing engagement with community groups and partner agencies. It has been agreed that chairs are required for both the Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships.</p> <p>There are still opportunities to find and encourage new members to participate in the Community Planning Partnerships through regular Neighbourhood Planning meetings.</p>	Green
		Evaluate the Community Partnership approach with Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships and implement improvement actions	The Community Partnership self-evaluation survey results and comments have been finalised. The feedback received was analysed and this knowledge has assisted in reviewing future objectives, creating improved procedures, supporting training requirements and assessing process change whenever possible.	Green
D.2.2	Young people will lead the way on actions to tackle climate change and nature loss	Support young people to continue to develop their leadership skills through engagement with the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board on their Climate and Nature priorities	<p>A Development Session was planned by members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability and delivered to the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board on 23 October 2024.</p> <p>Members identified 3 key priorities for exploration with the Board members, the priorities being a Walk to School campaign, Uniform recycling and Community litter picks. The inputs and discussion supported the Board's understanding of the challenges facing communities and the young people in their efforts to affect change. Support from the Board helped young people to consider practical ways to progress their ideas such as the council's support to equip and guide young people in organising localised community litter</p>	Green

			<p>picks such as the 3-week campaign by Duncanrig High School, involving over 350 S1 pupils in litter picking across their communities. In addition to this, the Board were able to support the Youth Forum prepare for their third, council wide environment event for schools, by helping visit Whitelee Windfarm to inform their planned 'Power Up: Understanding renewable energy' session at the Convention of Schools (COS) 3 event from 26-28 March 2025, seeing over 300 P5-P7 pupils in attendance.</p> <p>The Development Session and ongoing support from the Board is helping both young people and Board members to continue to refine their understanding of environmental issues and ideas towards mitigating and adapting to the impacts.</p> <p>As a result of this engagement, young people report that their confidence continues to grow as they take on more leadership roles in the development and delivery of actions to tackle climate change and nature loss.</p>	
		Increase youth voice and influence in Community Planning at a locality level through co-producing an approach to youth participation	<p>A working group of identified services engaged in developing and progressing youth voice across communities has continued to meet to maximise opportunities for young people to engage in decision making and raising issues. Recent success has resulted in over 1,200 young people engaging with the South Lanarkshire Council budget consultation 2025-2026, with young people assisting their peers to participate. With the Marmot Place Programme now initiated in South Lanarkshire, further work is being undertaken to capture best practice across youth engagement work towards ensuring young people are knowledgeable and confident to engage in influencing their communities, consistently and effectively.</p>	Green
D.2.3	Empower communities to improve their own health and wellbeing	Progress the implementation of the South Lanarkshire Age Friendly approach through the development of an implementation plan and supporting the Seniors Community to develop and deliver on actions	<p>Three focus groups were held with the community of older people during October 2024 to consult on the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Checklists for Age Friendly Cities. This assisted older people to prepare an Engagement Report on their view of these</p>	Green

			<p>standards and to add any required to be included. This was shared with Community Planning Partnership (CPP) members.</p> <p>A CPP Workshop was held on 22 April 2025 which will consider the next step towards the development of an Implementation Plan. This will also see South Lanarkshire Council move into stage three of the four stage programme of developing an Age Friendly Community.</p>	
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Caring, connected communities

We will involve local representatives in community planning at all levels, including on the Community Planning Partnership Board

Outcome: Community volunteers feel that they can effectively participate in and contribute to community planning at all levels

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
D.3.1	Develop and deliver training/awareness raising activity to ensure that volunteers can participate effectively in Community Planning	Increase the number of volunteers in our Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups who feel confident about their role in Community Planning through capacity building, training and support	<p>Increasing the number of residents participating in the Our Place Our Plan (OPOP) Stakeholder Groups is ongoing and a range of engagement approaches have been developed to ensure wide and representative involvement.</p> <p>Building social capital is the cornerstone of Neighbourhood Planning. The OPOP Stakeholder Groups continue to act as a catalyst to empower and build the capacity of local people. The use of an asset-based approach to Neighbourhood Planning is helping build community confidence and aspiration. Delivering the Neighbourhood Plans has created opportunities for increased local decision making, partnership working and greater collaboration between local people and those providing services. This is helping to consolidate the understanding of the participants role and influence around the work of the Community Planning Partnership partners and Community Planning.</p>	Green
		Increase the number of volunteers in our established locality Community Partnerships who feel confident about their role in Community Planning through capacity building, training and support	<p>Over the course of the year, membership of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships has remained consistent. With the Community Planning Partnership's Community Development Officer (CDO) attending wider council-led community meetings, new chances to identify more members have emerged across communities.</p> <p>To support and identify any learning or training opportunities required to develop and comprehend the needs and devise a plan to implement these activities, the CDO is continuing to work with all Community Partnerships. Currently under consideration is the</p>	Green

			process for making the Community Planning Partnership volunteer friendly.	
		Train 12 employees/community representatives as Health in the Community (HIIC) Trainers and support them to achieve accreditation	<p>HIIC is a course that helps people understand what affects their health and the health of their communities and assists people of all ages to develop the skills and knowledge to address health issues using community development approaches.</p> <p>HIIC Tutor Training, which was facilitated by the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC), took place on 20 and 21 February 2024 and delegates were asked to undertake practical assignments to be completed by August 2024.</p> <p>12 employees/community representatives completed this training and 4 have submitted their portfolios, passed their assignments and become accredited facilitators. Other participants have either left their post or moved to a new role.</p>	Green
		Increase community representation on the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board and provide youth voice opportunities	<p>To increase membership in all localities and locate people who would like to represent or chair existing partnerships moving forwards, the Community Planning Partnership's (CPP) Community Development Officer has worked collaboratively with council officers and various CPP partners.</p> <p>The Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships are currently being established. It is proposed that chairs for each of these Community Partnerships be confirmed once governance arrangements and future priorities have been finalised.</p> <p>Discussions have taken place to provide youth voice opportunities. A mapping exercise will be carried out to identify all current youth engagement and participation activities across the partnership and this will be reported to the CPP Board at a later date.</p>	Green
D.3.2	Upskill employees in participation and	Increase the number of employees who feel more confident in securing the participation and engagement of individuals and communities in	Two engagement webinars are now complete and accessible to all partners via the Fusion Learning and Development platform. One webinar focuses on the	Blue

	engagement approaches	their work	<p>role of staff, while the other is designed to appeal to community members. External partners can access via a link.</p> <p>Partners have been informed of the availability of the training via the Children's Services Partnership structures and the CPP Progress Group. Partners have been asked to encourage all staff to complete the webinar as part of staff upskilling on engagement approaches.</p>	
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Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

We will increase affordable housing supply and improve access to and choice of housing options that suit people's needs

Outcome: Increase overall housing supply and improve access to, and choice of housing options, that suit people's needs and are affordable

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
E.1.1	Deliver the council's Home+ Programme	Increase the number of council homes in South Lanarkshire by 1,300	<p>The Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) sets out affordable housing development priorities across South Lanarkshire during a five 5-year period.</p> <p>The SHIP report to the council's Housing and Technical Resources Committee in November 2024, noted that due to a range of circumstances, including a reduction in government funding, the council is no longer on track to meet the 1,300 target. Work will continue to focus on optimising delivery of new homes.</p> <p>503 additional council homes have been provided between 2022 and March 2025 (154 new build properties and 349 acquisitions).</p> <p>In 2024-25, 180 additional homes were provided, consisting of 50 new build properties and 130 acquisitions.</p>	Green	0	2022	503	2022-25	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Maintain the percentage of tenants in council new build properties who are satisfied with their home	This measure has been achieved. 109 tenants across nine new build housing sites were surveyed with a 61% response rate. Based on the	Green	91%	2022-23	99%	2023-24	91%	91%	91%

			responses received, a 99% satisfaction rate was recorded.								
E.1.2	Provide settled accommodation to households experiencing homelessness	Achieve the annual Local Letting Plan target for social rented properties allocated to homeless households	The 2024-25 annual target for lets to the Urgent Housing Need list, comprising majority homeless households, has been achieved.	Green	55%-65%	2023-24	65.5%	2024-25	55-65%	TBC	TBC

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
E.1.3	Develop and implement the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP)	Annual approval of SHIP by Housing and Technical Resources Committee	<p>The Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2025-2030 was approved by the council's Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 27 November 2024.</p> <p>The SHIP includes projects with a total potential capacity for delivering up to 1,995 affordable homes in South Lanarkshire over the 5-year period. This includes 1,665 new build homes and 330 acquisitions.</p>	Green
E.1.4	Develop and implement Local Letting Plans (LLP) with proposed annual targets	Annual approval of LLP targets by Housing and Technical Resources Committee	LLP 2025-26 targets, incorporating lets to homeless households, were approved by the council's Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 26 February 2025.	Green

Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

We will work in partnership to improve housing quality and energy efficiency, whilst supporting a just transition to decarbonisation

Outcome: Improve housing quality and energy efficiency whilst supporting a just transition to decarbonisation

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
E.2.1	Improve overall energy efficiency of homes across South Lanarkshire	Increase the average Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) score of all homes with an Energy Performance Certificate in South Lanarkshire	This measure has been achieved. Based on Home Analytics Database, the average SAP score has increased as a result of the installation of energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures.	Green	65.1	2021-22	67	2024-25	Increase by 1% from baseline	70	TBC
		Increase number of energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures installed across private homes in South Lanarkshire utilising national funding sources	Area Based Schemes are funded by the Scottish Government and coordinated by councils to provide energy efficiency measures to homes within a local authority area. In 2024-25, through the Area Based Schemes in South Lanarkshire there were 293 measures installed, comprising of external wall insulation, cavity wall insulation, cavity extraction and refill, loft insulation and solar PV and batteries.	Green	N/A	N/A	293	2024-25	200	600	TBC
		Increase number of energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures installed in council homes in South Lanarkshire	The council continues to deliver its Housing Investment Programme to improve the energy efficiency of its properties and reduce energy costs for tenants. 95.63% of council stock meet the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS), this equates to 24,789 properties.	Green	N/A	N/A	Year End 2024-25	2024-25	100 per year	TBC	TBC

			The council awaits guidance from the Scottish Government on the new social housing net zero standard.								
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Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
E.2.2	Support the delivery of schemes to improve energy efficiency in homes across South Lanarkshire	Develop and implement the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Scheme	<p>The ECO scheme is a government energy efficiency scheme designed to tackle fuel poverty and help reduce carbon emissions. The scheme works by placing an obligation on energy suppliers to deliver energy efficiency measures to low income, fuel-poor and vulnerable households. The scheme was launched in South Lanarkshire in July 2023.</p> <p>In 2024-25, 295 measures were installed in 102 private sector homes across South Lanarkshire, improving the energy efficiency of the homes and reducing energy consumption rates for occupiers.</p>	Green
		Co-ordinate Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme funding (EES:ABS)	The council continues to make effective use of funding to support owners to improve energy efficiency. This includes features such as external wall, cavity and loft insulation as well as solar panel and battery installations.	Green

Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

We will work in partnership to prevent and significantly reduce homelessness and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness

Outcome: Prevent homelessness and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
E.3.1	Deliver Housing Options Service with the aim of preventing homelessness	Increase the percentage of Housing Option interventions where homelessness is prevented	During 2024-25, 60% (889) homeless household cases were prevented, broadly similar to the position recorded last year. The operating context in relation to the prevention of homelessness remains extremely challenging. The prevailing socio-economic conditions continue to adversely impact upon the ability to prevent homelessness during 2024-25. This trend has been mirrored nationally.	Red	73.5%	2021-22	60%	2024-25	70%	TBC	TBC
		Increase the percentage of former homeless households provided with a council tenancy that maintain their home for more than 12 months	Tenancy sustainment has remained strong again this year and the target has been achieved.	Green	88%	2022-23	91.9%	2024-25	TBC	TBC	TBC
		Reduce repeat instances of homelessness	Instances of repeat homelessness have increased by 15% from 98 cases in 2023-24 to 113 in 2024-25. This has resulted in performance being slightly above the target of 3%. All repeat homelessness cases are reviewed to identify patterns and to inform future development and delivery of services.	Amber	4.5%	2021-22	4.6%	2024-25	3%	TBC	TBC

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
E.3.2	Improve access to settled accommodation to homeless households	Continue to implement the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP)	The final annual review of the five-year Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP 2019 to 2024) was reported to the council's Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 18 September 2024. The report noted the sustained and significant increase in demand from homeless households over the last two years and the challenges this has presented for homelessness services both locally and nationally. The report also sought approval for the implementation of the Homelessness Strategic Plan, to replace the RRTP.	Blue

People live the healthiest lives possible

We will ensure that all of our services work with people as early as possible to stop problems happening

Outcome: People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
F.1.1	We will continue to support people to improve their own health and wellbeing and exercise choice and control	Number of people participating in a co-produced Self Directed Support Assessment to exercise choice and control over their care	3,756 co-produced assessments have been approved exceeding the annual target of 3,000 assessments.	Green	2,984	2022-23	3,756	2024-25	3,000	3,100	3,200

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
F.1.2	We will continue to establish a Community Led Support approach to promote positive health and wellbeing outcomes and community resilience	Number of employees trained in Community Led Support approach across all localities	<p>64 employees have been trained to promote positive health and wellbeing across localities. The Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) has been working with the National Development Team for Inclusion to support Community Led Support (CLS) development across the partnership.</p> <p>Development sessions were held in all localities to evaluate progress made to date and share good practice. Each locality brought together a range of stakeholders, including Health and Social Care staff, Third Sector Organisations and organisations delivering key services across South Lanarkshire communities.</p> <p>Over 130 participants shared their experiences and examples highlighted have been the development of Clydesdale in Conversation (CLiC), Spaces to Talk and the development of a pop-up outreach 'Wellbeing Wagon' in Clydesdale. In East Kilbride, strong CLS initiatives are in place through Connected East Kilbride in Calderwood, Greenhills and The Murray with the plan to establish a CLS hub in Greenhills with Loaves and</p>	Green

			<p>Fishes. In Hamilton there is good CLS activity in community cafes and multi-agency hubs with the development of a hub in Burnbank now progressed. In Rutherglen and Cambuslang a first pop up hub is scheduled to take place. CLS hubs are now operational in each locality.</p>	
F.1.3	We will promote self – care and self-management including technology enabled care	Increase in the number of people supported by Technology Enabled Care to manage their own health and wellbeing	<p>The Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Team continues to lead the delivery of innovative, person-centred digital health and care solutions. Through its three core programmes, Telecare, Telehealth and Innovation and Solutions, the team supports citizens to live independently, safely and with greater control over their health and wellbeing as well as exploring new ways of working. Telehealth Services have continued to expand with 3,667 patients using remote monitoring to self-manage their health, an increase of 7% from the previous year. Three new remote health pathways were introduced, with a further three in development.</p> <p>The ‘Near Me’ video consultation platform facilitated over 25,500 virtual appointments, saving patients an estimated £150,000 in travel costs. The number of virtual waiting areas increased to 251 and 12 ‘Near Me Near You’ community access points now support individuals without digital devices at home.</p> <p>In 2024-25, 16% of hospital discharges were supported via the Home First pathway, with essential telecare installations completed within 24 hours. Over 6,000 service users have now been successfully migrated from analogue to digital alarm systems, with the remaining 500 users scheduled for transition by July 2025, well ahead of the national BT digital switchover deadline of January 2027. South Lanarkshire now operates a fully end-to-end digital alarm estate.</p> <p>The digital infrastructure enables a shift towards proactive, data-driven care, supporting early intervention for individuals at higher risk of adverse outcomes. In parallel, the team’s sustainability efforts have resulted in the reuse of 1,874 alarms, generating cost savings of</p>	Green

			£314,832 and reducing environmental impact.	
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People live the healthiest lives possible

We will increase access, activities and supports that help improve mental health and addictions

Outcome: People, including those with disabilities or long-term conditions, or who are frail, are able to live as far as reasonably practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
F.2.1	We will continue to protect adults at risk from harm	Percentage of statutory supervising officer visits completed within timescale for local authority welfare guardianship orders	There was a total of 243 local authority guardianship visits due with 91% (220) being completed in time, exceeding the annual target of 75%.	Green	93%	2022-23	91%	2024-25	75%	75%	75%
		Percentage of statutory supervising officer visits completed within timescale for private welfare guardianship orders	There was a total of 2,214 private guardianship visits due with 87% (1,932) being completed in time, exceeding the annual target.	Green	93%	2022-23	87%	2024-25	75%	75%	75%

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
F.2.2	We will continue to protect adults at risk from harm	Implement Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) standards across all localities	<p>Medication Assisted Standards (MAT) are a set of nationally agreed evidence-based standards to enable the consistent delivery of safe, accessible, high quality drug treatments across Scotland. They were produced in response to the emergent public health crisis by the Drug Death Task Force. The standards are relevant to people and families accessing or in need of services and Health and Social Care staff responsible for the delivery of recovery orientated systems of care.</p> <p>The timescale for implementation of the MAT standards is 2026. Strong progress is being made to implement the ten MAT standards. Five standards are green, three are provisionally green and one amber. While MAT standard 7 is currently red there are steps in place to progress.</p>	Green

People live the healthiest lives possible

We will provide high quality day-to-day health and social care services that are accessible to everyone in our community who needs them

Outcome: Health and Social Care Services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
F.3.1	Implement Discharge Without Delay to return people to their home or community safely	Embed Home Assessment Team approach across localities to optimise independence of those discharged from hospital/prevention from hospital admission	In 2024-25, care packages were reduced on average by 29% following Home Assessment Team (HAT) intervention. In the same period, the service supported over 1,000 episodes of care, and 50% of service users who completed HAT intervention either required, reduced or no support following intervention. Performance has fallen slightly, short of the 30% annual target, however, it is acknowledged performance has been variable across the period and is influenced by the volumes of individuals with complex needs being supported by the service who have little or no reablement potential. A review of the service model and criteria for the service is currently underway which is expected to result in changes to pathways, increasing the flow and capacity through HAT which will have a positive impact on performance going forward.	Amber
F.3.2	We will support carers to maintain their caring role through a personal outcome approach	Number of new carers supported	1,348 new carers have been supported in 2024-25 by Lanarkshire Carers. Lanarkshire Carers continues to experience high demand from new carers and carers already known to the organisation which currently totals 7,949 in South Lanarkshire which is a percentage demand increase of 22% in comparison with 2023-24. Lanarkshire Carers have continued to develop and evolve its "CarerSpace" online portal to start or continue a conversation. It is a toolkit developed by carers for carers that helps explore various aspects of a carers life, focusing on what matters to them. Once submitted, staff from Lanarkshire Carers can pick up the conversation with the carer.	Green



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Section 1 - Introduction to Community Planning in South Lanarkshire

What are we?

All our Community Planning Partners are working together to make South Lanarkshire a better place to live, learn, play, work and age. We work with each other and with communities to provide the best possible services that local people want and need. Further information can be found on the Community Planning Partnership website: www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org.

Who are we?

Our partnership includes a wide range of national and local organisations. Some of these organisations you will know well. Our community partners lead on local planning and area-based Community Partnerships. A full list can be found on our [website](#).

What are we trying to do?

Our aim is to work with communities to deliver better services targeted at reducing poverty and tackling inequalities and deprivation across South Lanarkshire. South Lanarkshire is also an Age Friendly Community, and the partnership works together with the Seniors Community to deliver on this. Further information can be found on the Community Planning Partnership website: www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org.

How do I get involved?

There are many ways to get involved in your local community and influence the work of the partnership, for example, through volunteering, joining a local action group, helping to find out what matters in your area or getting involved in how decisions are made. More information can be found on the Community Planning website: www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/info/74/getting_involved.

Section 2 – Our Ambitions

Our Ambitions

Our Community Plan sets out how we will continue to support the people living in our communities to participate in Community Planning and puts the places where our communities live at the centre of change. We will continue to focus on improving how we work better together to deliver local needs and priorities.

This work will happen across three key ambitions: **People**; **Progress**; and **Planet**.

People – Together, we will take a people first approach to improving everyone’s wellbeing. People told us that empowerment comes from the community and it’s not something that is given to them. We understand that long-lasting change will only be achieved if we all work together, putting our communities at the heart of community planning. We will continue to have community conversations that matter. We will work with communities to ensure that their voices are heard and support them to act on the things that are important to them through a “Can Do” approach.

Progress – Together, we will build on what we have learned to improve how we do things and the wellbeing of everyone. Delivering the right things that matter to people, in the right place and at the right time. We have been inspired by the phenomenal community response to the global pandemic and have seen how our communities “Can Do” more with the right information and support from us. Our focus will be to continue to grow and develop the relationships and the excellent partnership working that has supported our communities to maintain and improve their wellbeing throughout the pandemic.

Planet - Together, we will act in ways that protect our natural world for a healthier future. We will work together to develop local solutions to protect nature and to take action on climate change and support our young people to lead the way.

The ambitions set out where we want to see change happening across the themes of Progress, People and Planet. From your feedback, we know that there are six other priorities that are important to you. We are working to improve services in these areas and have plans that show how this is being done. Our Places for Wellbeing model shows how the plan connects though place, ambitions and priorities.



You can read the full Community Plan on the Community Planning website:
www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/info/1/what_is_community_planning/135/our_priorities.

Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES)

In winter 2024, the Community Planning Partnership were chosen as one of three places in Scotland to work with Public Health Scotland (PHS) and the University College London Institute of Health Equity (IHE), headed by Sir Michael Marmot, who have partnered to create the 'Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland'. This two-year collaboration between PHS and IHE aims to strengthen and accelerate the action underway to improve Scotland's health, increase wellbeing and reduce health inequalities. Reducing health inequity requires action on eight key objectives. These are referred to as the Marmot 8 principles. They are to: -

- Tackle discrimination and racism, and their outcomes;
- Give every child the best start in life;
- Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and control their lives;
- Create fair employment and good work for all;
- Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together;
- Ensure a healthy standard of living for all;
- Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities; and
- Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention.

Further information

[Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland - Public Health Scotland](#)

Section 3 – Community Plan Performance Highlights

There is a significant amount of work being undertaken in our communities and by our partners across South Lanarkshire to make places fairer, better and greener. This report highlights some of the work that has been done.

The following are examples of key areas of work:

- **Thriving Businesses and Fair Jobs:** The number of employability participants progressing into employment has increased this year by 16.3%.
- **Caring, connected communities:** Focus groups were held with older people during October 2024 to consult on the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Checklists for Age Friendly Cities.
- **People live the healthiest lives possible:** 3,756 co-produced Self-Directed Support Assessments were approved, exceeding the annual target of 3,000.
- **Putting learning at the centre:** 741 young people engaged in the Aspire Programme which included individualised one-to-one support; college-based leaver programmes and groupwork as they approached their school leaving date.
- **Our children and young people thrive:** 96% of parents who attended the 'You and Your Child' programme reported an improved understanding of their child's developmental needs and how to meet these as parents.
- **Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone:** 95.6% of council stock met the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) which is 24,789 properties.

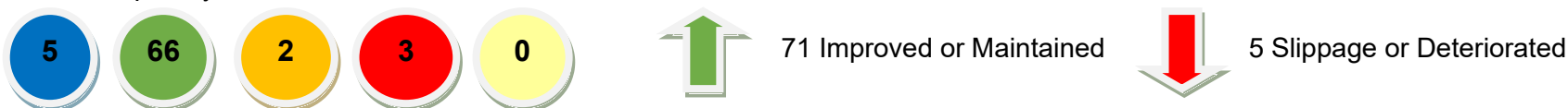
Section 4 – Community Plan Overall Performance at a glance

The following provides a summary of our performance against our priority measures. These are:



- Putting learning at the centre
- Our children and young people thrive
- Thriving businesses and fair jobs
- Caring, connected communities
- People live the healthiest lives possible
- Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone

The full CPP performance report can be accessed using the following link ([Only web link to full Q4 IMPROVe Community Plan appendix to be added](#)).

Status of priority measures



Status	Definition
Blue	The action to achieve change has been completed
Green	On course to achieve the target or complete the action as planned/the timescale or target has been met as per expectations
Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target
Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target
To be reported later	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to say whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available

Most improved measures 	Least improved measures 
Increase the percentage of employability participants progressing to positive destinations	Total number of businesses/social enterprises supported – Existing Organisations
By March 2025, 60% of children and young people accessing Pathfinders will report improvement across three outcome indicators	Number and value of grants
By March 2024, 100% of young people will have a Person-Centred Pathway Plan	Increase the percentage of Housing Option interventions where homelessness is prevented
Total number of jobs safeguarded	Reduce repeat instances of homelessness

Maintain the percentage of tenants in council new build properties who are satisfied with their home	Embed Home Assessment Team approach across localities to optimise independence of those discharged from hospital/prevention from hospital admission
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Section 5 – Places for Wellbeing: How we are making a difference

Thriving Businesses and Fair Jobs – Living Wage

Why is this important?

The real Living Wage aims to reduce the impacts of poverty and inequality by helping employees whilst benefiting the employer and local economy. The real Living Wage is calculated on the UK cost of living, ensuring people are able to live with dignity and have a decent standard of living. In Scotland, this is currently £12.60 per hour. More recently, the Living Hours programme was launched, building upon the Living Wage accreditation in the campaign to end insecure work. Employers who join the scheme commit to:

- At least 4 weeks' notice for every shift, with guaranteed payment if shifts are cancelled within this notice period;
- A guaranteed minimum of 16 working hours every week (unless the worker requests otherwise); and
- A contract that accurately reflects hours worked.

How are we doing?

In 2024-25, South Lanarkshire's Living Wage Campaign Group met four times. In that period, they continued to support the Living Wage Accreditation Discount Scheme by providing grants to seven employers. The latest accreditation figures for South Lanarkshire are 186 employers which has made an impact on 2,500 employees. To promote and share awareness of the Living Wage with local employers, the group also hosted a breakfast event during Living Wage Week in November 2024, which resulted in a positive outcome, with an additional South Lanarkshire employer now accredited.

Throughout the year, group members focused on engagement with partners such as DWP, Skills Development Scotland and Routes to Work South Lanarkshire. This engagement, which is conducted on a daily basis, has the aim of ensuring that all relevant partners are aware of the benefits of the real Living Wage (benefits to employers, employees and the local economy). All partners are then able to promote the real Living Wage to businesses and employers.

Positive changes resulting from a review of the Living Wage Group, will continue into 2025-26. Moving forward, membership of the group will also include business representatives. This will ensure that the group has a clear focus for the year ahead and continues to create positive relationships and attract further interest from local employers and businesses.

Priority Next Steps

The Living Wage Group will continue to support the Living Wage Week and the Living Wage Accredited Discount Scheme. There will be an updated action plan which will align with the Glasgow City Region Living Wage Living Place Working Group. Membership of the group will be more business orientated to include the Chamber of Commerce, Business Gateway and local employers/businesses. The group will continue to raise awareness of the Living Wage Campaign including Living Hours and Living Pensions.

Further information

- [For the real cost of living | Living Wage Foundation](#)
- [Support for Business - Social Enterprise Support](#)
- [Business Gateway](#)
- [The Poverty Alliance](#)

Caring, connected communities – Planning: Local Development Plan 3

Why is this important?

South Lanarkshire Council's Planning Service has started to prepare the new South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan (LDP3). Once adopted, LDP3 will set out the planning policies and proposals for the use and development of land throughout South Lanarkshire, over the next 10 years, to meet the needs of the area including where new homes, workplaces, healthcare, shops and community facilities could be built, and the areas that will be protected. It will focus on improving the quality of places and access to services to meet daily needs, addressing the challenges of climate change and protecting and enhancing biodiversity. LDP3 is currently in its first stage which involves the preparation of an Evidence Report which draws together data and statistics on different themes and feedback from engagement with communities.

People know their communities better than anyone, so to have a real understanding of community needs, the plan has to be co-designed in partnership with them and reflect what they say and what they want to see, where they live. Through listening to their lived experiences, we can identify what works well in their community and what needs protected, fixed, improved or provided. Data and statistics alone are of limited use, but when considered together with lived experiences, both are enriched, providing a stronger foundation from which to develop the proposed LDP3 to meet the needs of the area.

How are we doing?

The law requires that views are sought from residents, children and young people, disabled people, gypsies and travellers, community councils and key agencies. However, the Planning Service pledged to go even further and reached out directly to over 1,200 groups including those who don't normally engage (seldom heard voices), older people, women/girls, men/boys, LGBTQ+, neurodiversity, vulnerable people ("protected characteristics" disabled, age, race, gender, sexual orientation), carers, tenants, developers/landowners and Third Sector Organisations.

Engagement communications sought to empower people to want to get involved by giving encouragement that their views were valuable and would help shape their places in the new plan. Participants chose the method of engagement that suited them best (survey/email/letter/telephone call/online or in-person meetings). They also controlled the extent of their contribution by only commenting on place themes of interest to them, and in meetings, they could feel comfortable even just to listen in. The Planning Service contacted all the groups mentioned above and most took up the offer to meet. By having cast the engagement net wider, the proposed LDP3 will be more robustly informed and inclusive, benefitting everyone and every place within South Lanarkshire.

What people have said about LDP3 Engagement Workshops:

"Thanks for enabling our children to share their views, they really enjoyed the session with you. Hopefully we will see you again." Jackton Primary School.

"I've heard great feedback from having you on site. I'm delighted that the community have had a chance to get their voices heard." The Beacons.

"I look forward to the next one and will encourage more people to attend." East Kilbride/Strathaven Locality Event participant.

Priority Next Steps

Further engagement will take place to ask communities if they agree with what's proposed for their community in the preparation of the proposed LDP3. The focus will be to build upon and nurture the network of collaborators, working relationships and trust that has been achieved so far. In doing so, the LDP3 once adopted, will reflect the collective diverse voices, each championing the uniqueness of South Lanarkshire's communities of place and interest, but united by the common goal of making the best use of the land resource available to meet the needs of all communities.

Further information

- [Local Development Plan 3 \(LDP3\) - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

People live the healthiest lives possible – Keep Well

Why is this important?

Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) is a leading cause of mortality and morbidity in Scotland. Keep Well (KW), a small nurse led service, delivers a CVD prevention focused health check across Lanarkshire, to seven targeted populations and communities who may not readily access mainstream services. These groups include people affected by problematic substance use, people affected by homelessness, people attending Community Justice Services, members of the gypsy/traveller community, people who have an unpaid caring role, members of the Deaf community and people from ethnic minority backgrounds. There is strong evidence available to indicate that these communities and groups experience poorer health outcomes, not just related to CVD.

How are we doing?

The key to success and sustainability of KW, is collaboration with other services. KW have developed excellent partnerships with not only NHS Lanarkshire services, but with other Health and Social Care partners and Third Sector partners. Working with partner services, a traditional appointment-based approach is used, where partners can refer their patient/service user directly into the service. The team also use an opportunistic assertive outreach model, where the service is taken directly to the people the team wish to engage with. Here, people are seen outwith the traditional health care environment and clinics are delivered within a wide variety of settings, making them accessible to those who need them most in the community.

During 2024-25, KW engaged with 194 people from South Lanarkshire. It should be noted, however, that the total number is likely higher as some partner services provide a service across Lanarkshire, and residents from South Lanarkshire have attended clinics held in North Lanarkshire venues.

- 53% of people benefited from Case Management Support to link them into mainstream services to address their health and wellbeing needs;
- 42% required further management of abnormal clinical findings and were referred to their GP practice;
- 27% accepted referral to South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture to improve their physical activity;
- 11% accepted testing for Blood Borne Virus detection;
- 3% were referred to Addiction Support Services; and
- 6% accepted referral to Homeless Cancer Screening and Sexual Health Nurse.



Priority Next Steps

- Continue to build on relationships with South Lanarkshire Council's Restorative Justice and Women's Hubs.
- Discuss the possibility of delivering the service to those attending Diversion from Prosecution Services along with the new Justice Group work programme.
- KW plan to shadow the Harm Reduction Team during their Outreach Service, and it is hoped that there will be further opportunities to work in partnership, delivering health checks to individuals using the Outreach Service.

"Great partnership working and we know the carers we support find the service so helpful to them" Partner Service staff member.

"Thank you so very much for helping me get the treatment I needed at my GP practice" Patient.

Further information: [Keep Well | NHS Lanarkshire](#)

Putting learning at the centre – Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability

Why is this important?

Conference of Schools 3 Event

South Lanarkshire is committed to equipping young people with the tools and confidence to lead on issues that will shape their futures, none more pressing than climate change. Engaging students from P5–P7, the Conference of Schools (COS) 3 event planted early seeds of environmental responsibility, involving secondary pupils as mentors and role models. The event's strong emphasis on sustainability aligns directly with South Lanarkshire's Community Plan goals of climate resilience and youth empowerment.

How are we doing?

The third annual Youth Forum Conference brought together over 300 students and teachers from 100 primary schools, engaging them in hands-on learning activities designed and delivered by secondary students. Key workshops addressed renewable energy, sustainable fashion, biodiversity and waste reduction. Feedback from both staff and pupils highlighted the value and impact of the experience:

- “It was an extremely enjoyable day because we got to do fun activities but also learn all about looking after our environment.”
- “We want to have an event like this in school.”
- “I enjoyed getting to know about the problems of the Earth and how we can solve them.”
- “The connection between the pupils from secondary schools and primary schools was wonderful and to see them all working together on learning for sustainability.”
- “The most valuable aspect was seeing how engaged and passionate the children were about climate action.”

The collaborative format also strengthened bonds between primary and secondary learners, enhancing confidence, communication, and peer leadership. Teachers noted increased pupil enthusiasm for climate topics and a desire to carry this momentum into their classrooms.

Many attendees expressed a strong desire to replicate aspects of the event in their own school setting, particularly the practical, student-led workshop model. The wide variety of engaging activities, ranging from renewable energy experiments to creative upcycling tasks, proved effective in translating complex sustainability topics into accessible and memorable learning experiences. Importantly, the conference not only met its educational goals but also sparked meaningful dialogue about local action, fostering a culture where young people feel empowered to make a difference.

Priority Next Steps

- Enable schools to independently run mini versions of the conference by using the provided toolkit with the COS3 workshop presentations and activities.
- Offer tailored training for Youth Forum members to enhance their leadership, presentation and facilitation skills.

Further information

To find out more about the COS3 event please view the following link: [COS3 Case Study](#)

Our children and young people thrive – Children’s Rights in South Lanarkshire

Why is this important?

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 provides a unique opportunity to work towards best practice in children’s rights in everything we do. Our approach is informed by the aspiration to help children access their rights more easily and the Children’s Services Partnership have been engaging with their wider workforce to help them understand children’s rights better, be more aware of the demands that incorporation will make on public services and to understand what best practice looks like.

The commitment to respect and promote the rights of all children and young people is central to the work we do, and this strong rights-based approach is making a significant difference to children and young people’s lives. We are listening to the voices of more children and young people than ever before, which in turn is informing our work and the work of the wider public sector. As a partnership, we aim to ensure that the voices and lived experiences of children, young people, parents and carers are embedded within all our planning processes, and we clearly understand the impact that they have on decisions we make. Our commitment to children’s rights and engagement participation is a strength and features in our Children’s Services Plan animation, designed and created by our children and young people: https://youtu.be/Sx_rrNiKOo8

How are we doing?

A selection of the many examples of children’s rights practice over the last year to support the implementation of the Act are shared below:

- A Child Friendly Complaints Model has been developed by South Lanarkshire Council’s Education Resources which looks at practice regarding complaints and supports children and young people to share their views when complaints about services that affect them are made. **(Article 12 – the right to be heard).**
- A UNCRC eLearning module has been created by our children and young people and has been made available across all public and third sector partners. This training puts children and young people at the heart of our rights-based practice and is a webinar that informs staff of the key messages in the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 **(Article 42 - the right to know your rights).**
- We continue to refresh our Getting It Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) website with the latest information and guidance on children’s rights, making sure staff are well informed about children’s rights and their role in supporting them. **(Article 3 - the best interests of the child).**
- Children and young people are more involved in the planning, delivery and participation in events:
 - An event to celebrate Care Day in February 2025, was planned with and led by young people from our Champion’s Board. The young people hosted the event and challenged corporate parents to show how they were continuing to keep South Lanarkshire’s Promise. This event brought together over 180 care experienced children and young people and corporate parents to share experiences and identify what more we can do together. **(Articles 9, 20 and 21 the right to be cared for).**
 - Our Wellbeing Warriors were at the heart of a conference in March 2025 helping to share good practice in schools across South Lanarkshire to support emotional wellbeing. The event also helped highlight other important supports that were available to support children and young people’s mental health and emotional wellbeing. **(Article 24 – the right to health care).**
- The care experienced Champions Board have been more visible to care experienced children and young people and to corporate parents. The Champions regularly host sessions with corporate parents to discuss all aspects of The Promise. This includes a regular visit from South Lanarkshire Council’s Chief Executive. **(Article 12 - the right to be heard, Article 3 - the best interests of the child).**
- We have introduced a ‘Mini Champs’ process and made sure that pupils in schools have the opportunity to be heard. **(Article 12 - the right to be heard).**

- Our Champions Board helped to make our Winter Wishes campaign a success and make sure that care experienced young people got extra help over the Winter period with cost of living challenges including access to food, winter clothing, help with paying bills and having their basic needs met, despite the challenges of the cost of living and price increases. **(Article 27 - the right to food and clothing and a place to live).**
- The Champions Board and young people from the Pathfinders project hosted a visit from Scottish Government Minister Natalie Don-Innes in July 2024 and helped launch a national consultation on 'Moving on from Care' from the Throughcare and Aftercare Hub. The young people were delighted to get the chance to meet, listen to and discuss issues and ideas with a member of the Scottish Government. **(Article 4 - Governments have a responsibility to protect children's rights);**
- The national Promise Fund is helping support a reduction in the criminalisation of care-experienced young people who are over-represented in the justice system. Care and justice experienced young people are coming together through the ASK youth justice and rights approach to inform how best young people can be safeguarded in their communities. The work is being led by young leaders and peer researchers, supported by the council, COVEY and the University of the West of Scotland. **(Article 19 - the right to be protected from harm, Article 40 - the right to help in the justice system).**
- As part of a public consultation on council budgets, children and young people led 1,300 of their peers in a video led interactive process to make the views known throughout South Lanarkshire visible to decision makers. A report on their voice was published and made available to councillors as part of the engagement process. In a follow-up, elected members were asked what impact the views of children and young people had had on the process. Young people reported that they enjoyed the experience, and it was easy and fun to give their opinions on budget proposals and other issues affecting their lives. An annual 'check in' process will become a feature of community engagement. **(Article 12 - the right to be heard).**
- South Lanarkshire is one of three local authority areas to participate in the Marmot Place Programme, which offers a unique opportunity to improve our understanding of inequalities across South Lanarkshire. Young people spoke at the launch event in February 2025 for the programme and will be a visible and important part of this collaborative approach to address and reduce health inequality across our communities. **(Article 24 - the right to the best possible health care and healthy environment).**

Priority Next Steps

The work of our partnership is rooted in a rights respecting approach, supporting and informing our work and challenging staff to aspire to the best possible outcomes for all children and young people, particularly those who are most vulnerable. Over the next year and beyond, the following commitments will be a priority for our partnership:

- We will continue to promote rights-based practice, so all children's voices are heard by decision makers.
- We will ensure that the voices of children and young people are listened to at the highest level across all public sector partners as an integral part of practice, building on the impact of the Child Voice Project.
- We will further test and extend a consistent approach to making complaints a child friendly process.
- We will encourage staff from across the public sector workforce to participate in the UNCRC staff webinar created and presented by our children and young people.
- As an integral part Children's Services thematic groups, children, young people and families will continue to inform services based on their experiences in the past, their current needs and their aspirations for the future.
- We will continue to be innovative in the way we involve children and young people, especially those who do not tend to engage in traditional consultation processes e.g. in seminars, conferences and other big events.
- We will ensure that the seven principles of rights-based practice are at the heart of all our work.

Further information: [Children's Services Partnership](#)

Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone - Working together to help those experiencing homelessness

Why is this important?

Becoming homeless is a traumatic and often life changing event which can have a negative impact on the lives and health of the individuals and families affected.

For many years, South Lanarkshire Council and its partners have worked together to improve outcomes for those experiencing homelessness in South Lanarkshire. However, over the last three years, due to a range of socio-economic factors, there has been an unprecedented and sustained increase in the levels of homelessness. This increase has been experienced at both a national and local level and has placed significant pressures on homelessness services. Consequently, ensuring a strong partnership approach has never been more important and the council and its partners remain committed to working together to prevent homelessness by providing support and assistance to households to sustain and manage their home.

In September 2024, a Homelessness Strategic Plan was approved by the council, replacing the previous Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan (RRTP) 2019-2024. While the new Plan is based on the RRTP, it also sets out high level actions to address the homelessness pressures being experienced locally. The Plan will ensure a strategic focus for the council and partners and is being closely monitored with progress reported regularly.

How are we doing?

Despite current challenging conditions, the council and its partners continue to make a positive difference to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness through the delivery of vital services.

An area of work where there have been successful outcomes over the last year relates to the further development of Housing Support Services for care experienced young people in South Lanarkshire. The council's Homelessness Service and Throughcare and Aftercare Team has been working with Barnardo's to deliver a project aimed at supporting care experienced young people into a home of their own.

The project, named SLC Futures, provides an opportunity for care experienced young people to experience independent living in a training flat with ongoing wraparound support from the Throughcare and Aftercare Team, a dedicated Throughcare Housing Officer and a Housing Support Worker from Barnardo's.

Currently, there are four training flats where young people currently in care, who feel that they are ready to move into their own home, can live independently in a highly supported environment. This gives them the life skills and confidence to successfully move onto their own settled home after a period of time living within the training flat. There is no set timescale for how long it takes, however, so far, the average time young people spend in the training flat is around six months. In addition to the training flats, Barnardo's also provide outreach support to young people whilst they are in their current placement. This enables Barnardo's and the team around the young person to build relationships and trust, answer questions, ensure that the young person is prepared and understands what will happen when they move into the training flat.

Moving into a new home and living independently can be daunting. Having to think about decorating, utilities, furnishing, etc can be challenging. SLC Futures helps young people to understand their rights and responsibilities when moving into a home of their own.

Care experienced young people involved in the South Lanarkshire Champions Board have been fundamental to shaping this project from design through to delivery. Their continued support and input to the project has been essential to its success. After each young person moves on from the training flat, any

lessons learned are taken into account and identified service improvements are progressed, ensuring a better experience for the next young person to benefit from this approach.

Since SLC Futures was established in July 2024, the project has supported five young people within training flats and has provided outreach support to a further three young people in preparation for them moving into one of the flats. One of the five young people has already moved onto a tenancy of their own (see case study below) and another two are ready to move into their own homes. Due to the success of the project a further four training flats will be established in 2025-26. This means the project will be able to help more young people to develop skills to live successfully and independently in their own home.

Case study – Joshua’s Story (*name has been changed)

One of the first young people to benefit from the SLC Futures project was Joshua*, an unaccompanied asylum-seeking young person. Joshua was living in a Children’s House and had expressed an interest in living independently. Joshua was supported whilst living in the Children’s House to move into the training flat. Whilst there, he engaged with the Barnardo’s worker to develop essential life skills for living in his own home. This included budgeting, setting up utilities, decorating, furnishing, planning meals, cleaning as well as learning about his rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

Joshua enjoyed his time in the training flat and quickly demonstrated that he could live independently with very little support. Having had thorough housing options advice from the Throughcare Housing Officer, Joshua agreed a range of areas for re-housing and property types and was quickly made an offer of housing.

Joshua was pleased with his offer and accepted it quickly. He was then supported to move into his new home by the SLC Futures Team and the Children’s House and continues to live successfully in his new home.

Priority Next Steps

In the year ahead, the council and its partners will continue to work together to progress actions and contribute towards the achievement of priority objectives set out within the Homelessness Strategic Plan, including:

- Promotion of homelessness prevention activities to prevent homelessness as far as possible.
- Increasing the supply of affordable housing through new build, acquisitions and bringing long term empty properties into use.
- Continuing to develop and implement approaches to prevent youth homelessness, with a particular focus on a pathway approach to meeting the needs of care experienced young people.
- Monitoring, evaluating and adapting Housing Support Services to improve homelessness prevention and support tenancy sustainment across all tenures.
- Delivery of the Private Sector Innovation Fund and Sustainment Service providing financial support to private rented tenants to prevent homelessness.

Further information

- The Homelessness Strategic Plan can be viewed on the council’s website: [Homelessness Strategic Plan-RRTP Action Plan](#)

Section 6 – Working with Communities: How you can get involved

Community Participation and Engagement

Why is this important?

Our work as a partnership is intended to improve outcomes for people who live, play and work in South Lanarkshire, particularly in those areas that experience the poorest outcomes. There is a lot of evidence that shows that when people are involved in decisions about services which affect them, outcomes are improved. As a partnership, we want to find ways to speak to communities and encourage them to act themselves and to have an influence on how services are delivered where they live.

The Community Empowerment Act 2015 (www.gov.scot/publications/community-empowerment-scotland-act-summary/) means that legally the partnership has to place communities at the centre of its work, and work together with them to produce locality plans which we call Neighbourhood Plans, in areas which have the poorest outcomes. In South Lanarkshire we are ambitious and work to extend this beyond the legal requirements and listen to and involve communities in a real and meaningful way. The Act also sets out other requirements for public organisations, for example, in relation to Community Asset Transfers and Participation Requests.

During the year, many consultation and engagement activities were carried out by partners with communities in the South Lanarkshire area. The following sections in the report highlight some areas of this work.

Working with Communities: Neighbourhood Planning

Why is this important?

Neighbourhood Planning is a community engagement process in which local residents, local agencies, community groups and organisations work collaboratively to develop local plans for their neighbourhood. The neighbourhoods are identified as some of our most deprived communities in South Lanarkshire and the aim of this process is to reduce inequalities and improve outcomes for residents within these neighbourhoods. The Neighbourhood Planning process works to build a shared understanding of local priorities and work together to make use of resources and enhance community participation.

Our Place Our Plan Stakeholder Groups and Neighbourhood Planning Groups continue to act as a catalyst to empower and build the capacity and participation of local people. The use of an asset-based approach to Neighbourhood Planning is helping build community involvement, confidence and aspiration. Delivering the Neighbourhood Plans has created opportunities for increased local decision making, partnership working and greater collaboration between local people and those providing services.

Neighbourhood Planning involves communities in real and meaningful ways and has created positive change in these communities. For more information on the progress that has been made in these areas please see the communities' Annual Reports:

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/26/community_matters

How are we doing?

The council's Community Engagement Team Development Officers are working with nine communities to progress Neighbourhood Planning and a further one area is in progress.

Place Based Participatory Budgeting 2024-2025

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which local people decide directly how to spend part of a public budget. PB enables the active participation of communities in local financial decision making, enabling residents to have a direct say in how a defined budget can be used to address locally identified priorities. PB has become central to the advancement of three policy agendas in Scotland: Public Service Reform, Community Empowerment and Social Justice. In South Lanarkshire, Place Based PB is aligned to the development and delivery of Neighbourhood Plans. Each plan has a set of ten priority themes, and any community led PB proposals are required to meet at least one of these priorities. The allocation of PB funds is decided through a public vote, promoting community empowerment through participatory democracy.

In September 2024, PB took place in nine Neighbourhood Planning areas across the Hamilton and Cambuslang/Rutherglen localities. A total of £155,000 was invested in community led projects, £40,000 from South Lanarkshire Council and a further contribution of £105,000 from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

Outcome of PB 2024-25:

Neighbourhood	Number of residents who voted	Projects	Activity
Blantyre	1,582	14 received, 4 funded, 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two women's mental health and wellbeing initiatives. • A volunteer development programme. • A youth and family wellbeing initiative.
Hamilton South	911	6 received, 5 funded, 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A shipping container to create a community space. • A 12-week gardening course. • A community reading programme. • A physical activity programme. • Roof repairs to a community building. • Safeguarding training. • IT equipment.
Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank	879	17 received, 7 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisions for a food pantry and resources for a community café. • 2 defibrillators. • A polytunnel. • A supported study programme. • Training for a Youth Development Team. • Learning resources. • Mindfulness art workshops. • Fresh food for a community hub.
Strutherhill and Birkenshaw	566	9 received, 3 funded, 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community reading shed. • Youth diversion activity. • The development of a community garden. • A child and family programme.
Whitehill	288	10 received, 5 funded, 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community Fun Day. • A health and wellbeing programme. • Community breakfasts. • A sports club.
Burnhill	382	6 received, 3 funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A training hub. • A men's group. • Gardening equipment.
Cambuslang East	1,386	14 received, 2 funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport for educational and social visits. • The development of a mother and toddler group.

Fernhill	405	9 received, 4 funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running costs for a soccer school. • Sports equipment. • A playscheme. • A whole community event.
Springhall and Whitlawburn	1,960	11 received, 6 fully funded, 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A projector. • A community film licence. • Whole community events. • A skip initiative. • A support group for adults with disabilities. • A men's group. • Fitness classes. • Resources for a community led café.

East Kilbride South

A further round of PB took place in East Kilbride South where the Stakeholder Group successfully applied for 'Can Do' community funding to host a PB Event to enhance community participation in the local area whilst in the development of their Neighbourhood Plan. The funding was hosted by the local third sector partner Healthy & Active East Kilbride (EK) who are a stakeholder in the local community.

The Stakeholder Group designed the process online with the PB Scotland Charter around this, with an aim to increase local participation, decision making and local democracy. The group decided to host the PB vote both online and an in-person community event. The event was held in February 2025. Young people from Duncanrig High School supported the event by co-hosting and supporting the digital voting. A total of 3,480 votes were cast from 1,160 people.

These votes signify what local people feel was most important to them as they have embarked on a local democratic process. Groups awarded were:

- Little Brains (a group supporting young people with additional support needs).
- Dementia Carers.
- Waist Not Want Not (heaters for Community Asset Transfer).
- Coffee and Chat (socialising group who are planning a summer outing).
- Dynamic Brass (free music tuition for local children).
- Sew Not Wanted (sewing tuition and sustainability tutor).
- Craft for Wellbeing.
- Morphfit (gentle exercise for rehabilitation in the local community).

Feedback received included:

"The allocation of PB funding was instrumental in the delivery of a vibrant community fun day in the Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre. This event served as a focal point for residents, fostering a stronger sense of community cohesion and providing a valuable opportunity for social interaction, successfully uniting residents of all ages, from the youngest babies to elder pensioners". Resident, Whitehill Community Fun Day.

"I've never been part of anything like this before. I can use all the training for my college application/CV". Young person, HUB Youth Development Team

Training.

“The fact that what we say matters is great. It’s our community as well”. Young person, Blantyre.

“If it wasn’t for groups and people like you, I wouldn’t be here. I need to be out and meeting people. I get that here”. AGE ACTIVE, Springhall and Whitlawburn.

How can you get involved?

If you have an interest in any of the communities that already have a Neighbourhood Plan, you can get involved by supporting delivery of the plan. If you would like more information or would like to get involved in Neighbourhood Planning in your community, please contact the Community Engagement Team. You can call us on 0303 123 1017 or email us at communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk.

Further information

- [South Lanarkshire Community Plan 2022-2032](#)
- [Neighbourhood Plans - Annual Progress Reports](#)
- [South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership](#)
- [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#)
- [National Standards for Community Engagement](#)

Further PB information (national context):

- [PB Scotland - Participatory Budgeting in Scotland](#)
- [The PB Charter for Scotland - PB Scotland](#)
- [South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership - Community Matters](#)

Working with Communities: Volunteering

Why is this important?

Volunteering plays a vital role in fostering social, economic and personal development. Its significance extends beyond individual contributions, as it strengthens communities and promotes collective well-being.

How are we doing?

1. Strengthening Community Well-being

Volunteers contribute to various initiatives, such as food banks, youth programmes and elderly care services, ensuring that vulnerable individuals receive the support they need. This fosters a more inclusive and compassionate community.

2. Supporting Local Services

Many charities and community groups in South Lanarkshire rely on volunteers to operate effectively. Organisations such as Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan) help connect volunteers with roles that improve health, education and social services.

3. Encouraging Youth and Skills Development

Programmes like the Saltire Awards recognise young volunteers, encouraging them to develop new skills, gain experience and build confidence. Volunteering also enhances employability by providing hands-on learning opportunities.

4. Promoting Social Inclusion

By volunteering, people from different backgrounds come together to work towards common goals, reducing social isolation and fostering stronger connections within the community.

5. Strengthening Civic Engagement

Volunteering encourages people to take an active role in shaping their communities, leading to stronger participation in local decision making and governance. In South Lanarkshire, volunteering is not just an act of service, it is a powerful force for social and economic development, helping individuals and communities thrive together.

The following are some of the highlights of 2024-25:

- **1,078** new volunteers registered.
- **345** individuals supported to address barriers to volunteering.
- **2,037** volunteering placements facilitated.
- **62** new volunteering opportunities created.
- **199** new Saltire volunteer registrations.
- **9,751** Saltire hours logged.
- **8** Saltire Group Administrators approved.
- **251** Saltire Certificates issued.

VASLan's Case Study Impact Report highlights the crucial role of third-sector organisations in South Lanarkshire, emphasising that without volunteers, many of these organisations would cease to exist. Volunteers not only provide essential services but also transform lives by fostering confidence and resilience among participants.

How can you get involved?

Further information can be found on the VASLan website: [Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire \(VASLan\)](#)

Working with Communities: Volunteering

Community Partnerships

Why is this important?

Through the creation of Community Partnerships, local organisations and residents can voice what matters to them and their community to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board. The goal of the South Lanarkshire CPP is to ensure that communities actively participate in the community planning process. Empowering local residents to have a voice to support community-led decision making and local democracy. The focus of these groups is to highlight and address local inequalities. Community Partnership groups have been established in each of our four localities (Cambuslang and Rutherglen, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Strathaven, and Hamilton), and the number of volunteers attending continues to increase.

How are we doing?

All groups are volunteer-led and committed to inclusive membership growth. They meet every six weeks to discuss local and common issues across their area. They also discuss the challenges they encounter and share their ideas on solutions to problems that may affect and impact the members of their communities' day-to-day lives. To address these issues, they also invite officers from across the partnership to attend their meetings. Each Community Partnership has a dedicated space on the agenda of the CPP Board, and they provide quarterly updates, highlighting local issues, solutions and achievements. During 2024-25, the established Community Partnerships, supported by the Improvement Service completed a self-evaluation. Discussions have taken place with officers on how children and young people can have a voice at a locality level.

Priority Next Steps

The Community Partnerships will continue to review their membership to ensure that it is inclusive and representative of their wider community. Following the self-evaluation, they will develop and implement an improvement plan. This will involve identifying training needs and fostering a stronger cooperation in the future. We will continue to develop youth voice opportunities to engage in their communities. Each Community Partnership has a dedicated space on the Community Planning website, and we will continue to work with them on the best ways to share what they are doing with their wider community.

How can you get involved?

Community Partnerships create a space for local residents to have a greater say and influence in decisions that affect them. Community Partnership members include representatives from Neighbourhood Planning, Community Councils and other local stakeholders such as Community Led Planning Groups. For more information or to discuss how you or your group can become involved, please get in touch with communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk or call 0303 123 1017.

Further Information:

- [South Lanarkshire Community Partnerships](#)
- [Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership](#)
- [Clydesdale Community Partnership](#)
- [East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership](#)
- [Hamilton Community Partnership](#)

Working with Communities: Community Asset Transfer

Why is this important?

Local councils, the Scottish Government and other public authorities, own or rent lots of land and buildings like schools, hospitals, parks and forests. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 gives community organisations a right to ask to take over control of land or a building. If the community organisation's plan is better for people, they will be allowed to buy, rent or have the use of it. This is called Community Asset Transfer (CAT). The Act sets out specific eligibility criteria that needs to be met by community organisations. The ownership or control of community assets is a powerful tool for communities to drive change and achieve their goals.

The CAT process allows statutory partners including the council to work closely with their communities to develop local services and provision that are responsive to the needs of residents. By capitalising on the local knowledge and expertise of those who live in these communities we can assist in the flexible usage of public sector assets and work together to make the greatest impact possible in the communities in which we serve.

How are we doing?

During 2024-25, due to budgetary constraints, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture closed a number of halls. South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) put in place funding to keep the halls open whilst interested community groups were sought to continue to operate them. Extensive work was undertaken which resulted in 26 of these properties being transferred to community organisations initially on one-year concessionary leases.

Over and above this, during 2024-25, SLC received and validated 15 full Community Asset Transfer applications. Four of these applications involved the purchase of a property, the remaining eleven involved lease requests. At this time, seven of these requests have been approved. The council's designated Community Asset Transfer Officer continues to support 40 communities and groups who are interested in the transfer of land or properties.

In 2024-25, SLC was the only Community Planning Partner that dealt with Community Asset Transfer requests.

How can you get involved?

CAT is open to any community-controlled body which has the relevant constitution or governance documentation and is open to all members of the community they serve. Any group applying for a CAT must show they have organisational strength to take on and manage an asset, and that they are supported by the community which they serve. The CAT process is an exciting opportunity which can benefit any community but involves a lot of time and effort. In recognition of this, the CAT Officer can provide tailored support to each organisation. This support can be augmented by assistance from other organisations, such as Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan), Community Enterprise, Just Enterprise, Community Ownership Support Services and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO).

The Fountain, Lesmahagow

"The quality of the support from council officers, with communication between different departments, persistence and determination, has been key to organising the activities and evidence gathering that the CAT requires". Ruairidh MacGlone, Lesmahagow Development Trust.

Further information

- [Community Asset Transfer](#)

Working with Communities: Participation Requests

How are we doing?

Participation requests are a formal way for community bodies to request to be involved in decisions and put forward their ideas on how services could be changed to improve outcomes for the community. Requests can be made to a range of public bodies including South Lanarkshire Council, NHS Lanarkshire, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, etc.

In 2024-25, no participation requests were received by Community Planning Partners.

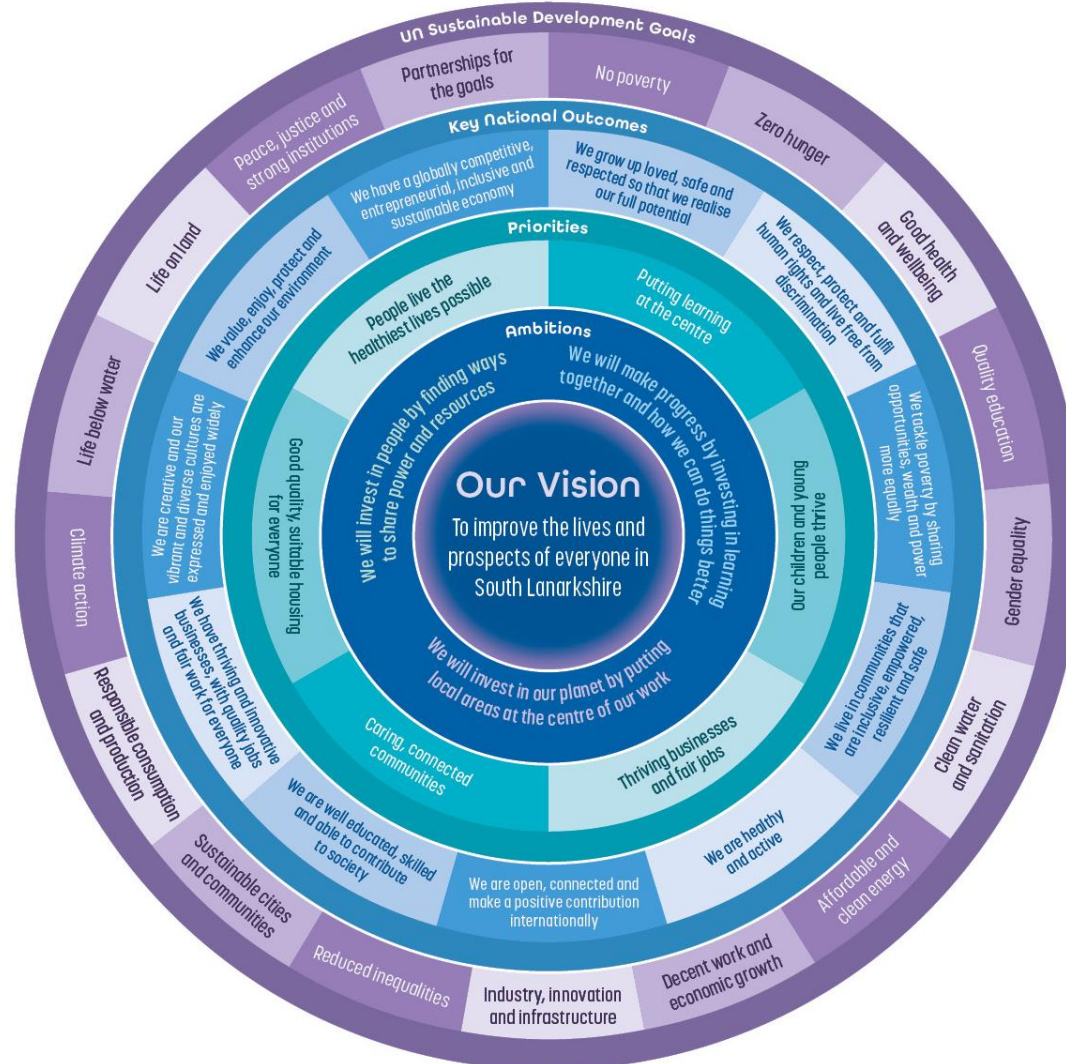
To make a participation request, your group must meet some requirements including having a membership open to your community and working for community benefit. Your first step should be getting in touch with the public body you would like to work with for assistance in getting started.

This can identify if they are the right public body to contact and they can also help you to get advice and information about any existing consultations or decision making processes that you could be involved in without needing to make a formal participation request.

Further information

- [Participation Requests](#)
- [Annual Report 2024-25 - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

Links to the National Performance Framework and UN Sustainable Development Goals



CPP Structure Diagram



Putting learning at the centre

Partnership priority	Community Plan Ref	Statistical/ Intervention Indicator	Date	2023/24 Indicator	New Indicator	Comments
People experiencing barriers to employment are supported into sustainable work	A.1.4	Intervention	14/03/25	Number of young people and adults provided with specialist Employability Support with Additional Support Needs supported into training, employment and education	Number of young people and adults provided with specialist Employability Support supported into training, employment and education	Additional Support Needs removed from the indicator as this is no longer required to be detailed separately.
Support young people to progress to positive post-school destinations	A.2.1	Statistical	14/03/25	Decrease the gap in the School Leaver Destination Rate (SLDR) initial positive destination rate	Decrease the gap in the School Leaver Destination Rate (SLDR) initial positive destination rate between the most and least deprived data zones	This measure was updated to highlight that the SLDR initial positive destination rate details the gap between the most and least deprived data zones.
		Statistical	14/03/25	Increase number and percentage of looked after school leavers in a positive initial and follow-up destination by local authority	Increase number and percentage of looked after school leavers in a positive destination by local authority	This measure was updated to detail positive destinations of looked after school leavers only and to remove the initial and follow-up information as this is no longer available.

Thriving businesses and fair jobs

Partnership priority	Community Plan Ref	Statistical/ Intervention Indicator	Date	2023/24 Indicator	New Indicator	Comments
People experiencing barriers to employment are supported into sustainable work	C.1.2	Intervention	14/03/25	Number of people participating in sector-based training	Sector based training will be delivered to meet the needs of the labour market	This measure has been amended as it is more beneficial to report on the sector-based training provision rather than numbers.
Thriving town and neighbourhood centres provide a focal point for local communities	C.2.1	Intervention	20/03/25	Complete the South Lanarkshire wide town centre visioning strategy which will give a strategic overview on the engagement and interventions with town centres over the next 10 years, and a series of town specific strategies and action plans will sit below this, giving a template for placemaking within our communities	Deliver the town centre masterplans for East Kilbride and Hamilton whilst continuing to support South Lanarkshire town centres over the next 10 years, and a series of town specific strategies and action plans will sit below this, giving a template for placemaking within our communities	The East Kilbride and Hamilton Masterplans have now superseded the South Lanarkshire wide town centre visioning strategy.

Caring, connected communities

Partnership priority	Community Plan Ref	Statistical/ Intervention Indicator	Date	2023/24 Indicator	New Indicator	Comments
Communities feel empowered to identify and act on their local priorities	D.1.2	Intervention	17/03/25	Work with local communities in the areas of Hamilton South and East Kilbride South to identify local priorities and prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their area	Work with local communities in the area of East Kilbride South to identify local priorities and prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the area	This measure has been revised as the Hamilton South Neighbourhood Plan has now been completed.

Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

Partnership priority	Community Plan Ref	Statistical/ Intervention Indicator	Date	2023/24 Indicator	New Indicator	Comments
Prevent homelessness and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness	E.3.2	Intervention	14/03/25	Continue to implement the Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan (RRTP)	Continue to implement the Homelessness Strategic Plan	This measure has been amended to advise that the RRTP has been renamed the Homelessness Strategic Plan.

People live the healthiest lives possible

Partnership priority	Community Plan Ref	Statistical/ Intervention Indicator	Date	2023/24 Indicator	New Indicator	Comments
People, including those with disabilities or long-term conditions, or who are frail, are able to live, as far as reasonably practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community	F.2.1.	Statistical	10/06/25	Percentage of statutory supervising officer visits completed within timescale for local authority welfare guardianship orders	N/A	The annual, medium and long-term targets have been reduced by the Senior Management Team from 90% to 75% due to an increased number of referrals for service alongside the number of staff available.
Health and Social Care Services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services	F.3.1	Intervention	13/03/25	Embed Home First approach across localities to optimise independence of those discharged from hospital/ prevention from hospital admission	Embed Home Assessment Team approach across localities to optimise independence of those discharged from hospital/prevention from hospital admission	This measure has been amended to advise that Embed Home First has been renamed the Embed Home Assessment Team.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	Update on Neighbourhood Planning across South Lanarkshire
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on neighbourhood planning activity across South Lanarkshire and to present the annual Neighbourhood Planning Report.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:- (1) that the content of the report is noted; and (2) note the progress made across each area.
Risks/Challenges:	Achieving buy-in from key communities and specifically from community members in Greenhills, Whitehills and Crosshouse and community groups across East Kilbride South.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources; • Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better; • Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work; and • Principles: Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Focused Delivery.
Summary of Report:	Update on neighbourhood planning activity across South Lanarkshire and Participatory Budgeting (PB) spend in priority areas.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Update on Neighbourhood Planning Across South Lanarkshire
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on neighbourhood planning activity across South Lanarkshire and to present the annual Neighbourhood Planning Report

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:

- (1) that the content of the report is noted; and
- (2) note the progress made across each area.

3. Background and context

- 3.1. Neighbourhood planning activity was first initiated in South Lanarkshire in 2017, when the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board agreed to pilot the use of a new approach to neighbourhood planning. The aim of this work is to tackle inequalities and to improve outcomes for local people living in some of South Lanarkshire's most deprived areas where poverty statistics are stark, enduring and stubbornly stuck. This work is planned and undertaken in the context of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
- 3.2. The Act places a statutory duty on CPPs to identify neighbourhoods within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes and to prepare and publish locality plans. Plans are required to set out clear priorities and be co-produced by communities with other stakeholders and aimed at improving local outcomes and tackling inequalities
- 3.3. Guidance makes it clear that participation with communities must lie at the heart of Community Planning and that the partners must engage with the communities identified as requiring specific attention and be more than just consultation but involve active engagement and empowerment.
- 3.4. In 2017, three areas in South Lanarkshire were selected to test this new approach to neighbourhood planning.
- 3.5. The legislation requires that annual progress reports are produced to highlight the progress made in relation to the plans, enabling communities and other stakeholders to understand the direction and scale of progress.

4. Roll out of Neighbourhood Planning

4.1. Three plans were produced for publication in January 2019.

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Priority Communities Involved
Ward 11 – Rutherglen South Ward 13 – Cambuslang West	Springhall and Whitlawburn
Ward 18 – Hamilton West and Earnock	Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank
Ward 20 - Larkhall	Strutherhill and Whitlawburn

4.2. In September 2019, the CPP Board approved the further roll-out of neighbourhood planning to include the other 6 wards originally identified as facing poor outcomes, as per the table below. Plans were developed for Fernhill, Burnhill, Cambuslang East, Whitehill and Fairhill, and during 2019-20, as well as the completion of the Blantyre Plan which was created by Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Priority Communities involved
Ward 11 – Rutherglen South, Fernhill	Fernhill
Ward 12 – Rutherglen Central and North	Burnhill
Ward 14 – Cambuslang East	Circuit, Halfway, and Westburn
Ward 15 – Blantyre	Auchinraith, Blantyre, High Blantyre, Springwells
Ward 17 – Hamilton North and East	Whitehill
Ward 19 – Hamilton South	Fairhill

4.3. A further roll out of neighbourhood planning has taken place in:

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Priority Communities involved
Ward 19 – Hamilton South	Fairhill, Laighstonehall, Eddlewood and Low Waters
Ward 7 – East Kilbride South – in development due for publication in 2025.	Whitehills and Greenhills, Crosshouse

5. Neighbourhood Plan Report and Progress

5.1. A single annual report for all neighbourhood plans is attached as Appendix 1 in the accessible format. Please note the report will also have a branded and graphic designed version for sharing with local communities.

5.2. Residents and partners participate together in neighbourhood stakeholder groups that meet regularly in each of the neighbourhood planning areas. A Participatory Budgeting (PB) exercise, detailed in section 6, was aligned to the delivery of each Neighbourhood Plan in 2024/25 to widen participation in neighbourhood planning to all local residents and invest in community led activities.

5.3. Highlights of progress in each area for 2024/25 is outlined below:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Springhall and Whitlawburn 	<p>The Our Place Our Plan (OPOP) stakeholder group agreed that overarching priorities would be building community connections, reducing isolation and enhancing community spirit. The aim being to increase community participation and promote collaboration among members and other stakeholders. Residents have also mobilised around the neighbourhood planning priorities. This is best reflected in the number, range and quality of community led projects that were presented via the PB public vote.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank 	<p>The OPOP stakeholder group worked to increase resident participation in OPOP, making meeting arrangements more flexible and reranking the priority themes in their Neighbourhood Plan to ensure that the plan continues to reflect local need and aspiration. There has been an increase in partnership working among OPOP stakeholders, as demonstrated in the range of PB projects.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strutherhill and Birkenshaw 	<p>Strengthening and building the community infrastructure and encouraging the development of new, independent and autonomous groups and widening representative involvement and community voice are key ambitions of this Neighbourhood Plan. The Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Community Action Group has been established and deliver a range of child and family focused activities and organising community wide events. A weekly 'Brew and Blether' session enables residents to meet for social contact, reducing social isolation and enabling access to wrap around services and advice. Residents are leading the way in addressing local priorities. The stakeholder group have been raising the profile of OPOP and progress made to date. The neighbourhood planning priorities have been reranked, to ensure the plan continues to reflect local aspirations and action required.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burnhill 	<p>This community of Burnhill have continued to move forward as a charity focused on community development in the Highbacks. 2024/25 PB funding enabled a community training hub with internet access and digital equipment for local community members to use. The Burnhill Action Group have hosted many successful community events, such as Easter and summer events, welcoming many local community members to the Highbacks. A new Men's Shed was established in the Highbacks this year which has been important to the men of Burnhill to come together, learn new skills and have a safe space to talk. The Highbacks, Burnhill Men's group, local football club and youth organisation were all successful in obtaining PB funding in the area.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cambuslang East 	<p>Many groups and organisations have come together to work on priorities in the community. Local initiatives such as uniform swaps have been bringing together the local community to work towards the priority of Stronger and Better communities. Many activities and events have been successful in the community with bids into 2025-26 PB to continue to build on this in subsequent years.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blantyre 	<p>Work is ongoing to increase the membership of the Blantyre Futures Group. They have been concentrating their effort on building community spirit and exploring opportunities to promote collaboration and partnerships opportunities across local groups and organisations. Local PB enabled the community to take action on their top 2 Neighbourhood Plan priorities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fernhill 	<p>In 2025, a new community led group was initiated to bring together the community stakeholders in Fernhill to discuss current matters and included organisations and Officers relevant to the community matters and the Neighbourhood Plan. The 2024/25 PB funded groups in the local community brought health and fitness and investment into Fernhill.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitehill 	<p>The OPOP Group have acted collectively, engaging with several partners organisations pursuing locally identified issues and concerns including fly tipping, the withdrawal of bus services, reinstatement of a post box, and anti-social behaviour.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamilton South 	<p>The OPOP Group members have worked collaboratively to deliver social and recreational opportunities and physical environment projects bringing benefits to the wider community.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Kilbride South 	<p>The neighbourhood planning process is in progress, and a plan will be published in December 2025. PB activities within the East Kilbride South neighbourhood increased local participation and decision making. In March 2025, the third sector partner, Healthy and Active, facilitated £7,000 of PB money, which was obtained through the Can-Do Community Fund, on behalf of the neighbourhood planning stakeholder group which saw 3,480 votes being cast from 1,160 people.</p>

- 5.4. The neighbourhood planning stakeholder groups across the ten areas have also worked together this year on a project to develop a community safety card which is attached as Appendix 2. This card was developed in direct response to residents' concerns about community safety and anti-social behaviour across all areas. The aim of the card is to promote public reassurance and public reporting.

6. Participatory Budgeting

- 6.1. A significant investment was made in PB in 2024/25 with nine neighbourhood planning areas benefitting from PB at the same time. This was the largest scale PB exercise undertaken to date. A table of the results and the funded activities are included as Appendix 3.
- 6.2. £155,000 was available for PB in 2024/25, £40,000 from South Lanarkshire Council and a further contribution of £115,000 from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.
- 6.3. The 2024/25 PB exercise saw the largest number of applications and highest number of voters to date in South Lanarkshire. This generated an increase in community participation both through the projects being delivered and through the voting process itself.
- 6.4. Monitoring of the funded projects has commenced and a PB report for 2024/25 will be published once all projects return their monitoring information.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. The employee implications associated with this report relate to the time for employees across the partnership to deliver Neighbourhood Planning activity.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

10. Other Implications

- 10.1. There are no risk implications associated with this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 11.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required. Consultation on neighbourhood plans is carried out on an ongoing basis with each community involved in the process.

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27 August 2025

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Neighbourhood Planning Annual Progress Report

2024-2025

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About the Community Engagement Team

The Community Engagement Team in South Lanarkshire works closely with local people and organisations to make sure their voices are heard and their ideas help shape decisions that affect their communities.

The team supports neighbourhoods to share what matters most to them, get involved in local projects, and have a real say in how services are planned and delivered. They also help bring people and organisations together, encouraging partnerships that tackle important issues like poverty and inequality, and supporting communities to take forward their own ideas and initiatives.

About community planning

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) in South Lanarkshire is all about organisations and local people working together to make our communities stronger and better for everyone. It brings the Council, NHS, Police, Fire and Rescue, voluntary groups, businesses, and community members around the same table to focus on what really matters, like improving health and wellbeing, tackling poverty, creating safer neighbourhoods, and supporting opportunities for all. By listening to local voices and joining up services, the CPP helps shape positive changes that are led by the community, for the community.

Neighbourhood planning in South Lanarkshire

Neighbourhood Planning in South Lanarkshire is a community-led process where local people come together to identify what matters most in their area, whether it's better green spaces, safer streets, or support services. Through workshops, surveys, and local meetings, residents shape a clear set of priorities and ideas. These "Neighbourhood Plans" help guide local investment and influence the Council's decisions making sure change happens in the places that matter, driven by those who live there.

Participatory budgeting

Participatory Budgeting (PB) gives local residents a direct role in identifying priorities, making decisions, and allocating a portion of public funding. This approach has been implemented across all nine Neighbourhood Planning areas in South Lanarkshire, allowing communities to influence how money is spent in their local area. PB is a central element of neighbourhood planning, with funding used to support the delivery of neighbourhood plan priorities. The process is shaped and led by local people, following the principles set out in the Scottish Participatory Budgeting Charter.

Blantyre

Blantyre has a population of just under 17,000 residents.

The town is well served by several active and well-established community and voluntary sector organisations who provide a wide range of opportunities for residents of all ages making a significant contribution towards community connectedness and community wellbeing.

Organisations include, Terminal One who provide local youth services. Bonnie Blantyre, Friends of the Calder and Blantyre Soccer Academy who provide social and recreational activities, physical activity initiatives. David Livingstone Memorial Church host a Community Hub and High Blantyre Parish Church host A Warm Welcome initiative mitigating social isolation and financial, hardship, and environmental improvement projects.

Neighbourhood planning in Blantyre has had a unique journey which started in 2019 with a community action plan co-created with the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

In 2021-2022, a new plan called Blantyre Futures replaced the community action plan. The plan was developed in partnership with local stakeholders and community groups along with South Lanarkshire Councils Community Engagement Team. The Blantyre Futures Stakeholder group was formed and is responsible for overseeing the delivery of the Neighbourhood Plan and the annual re-ranking of their plan's priorities to ensure that the plan continues to reflect what matters most to local people.

Blantyre's priorities 2024-2025

1. Youth activities
2. Greater community safety
3. Community activities
4. Covid recovery
5. Older people activities
6. Environmentally friendly
7. Community transport
8. Glasgow road and shopping facilities
9. Civic pride
10. Roads, traffic and parking.

Progress made against the priorities

- The Blantyre Futures Stakeholder Group continues to meet six weekly, taking forward local priorities.
- Participatory budgeting took place, fourteen community led place based participatory budgeting proposals were submitted, four were fully funded, one was part-funded.
- The Stakeholder group have been exploring ways to encourage greater collaboration between existing groups in Blantyre and have ambitions to organise community-wide events to increase participation levels.

Participatory budgeting has enabled the community to take forward their own community priorities on youth provision and community safety and more community focused activities and events.

Below outlines the description of the projects funded by participatory budgeting, the amount awarded, the amount of votes received and the local priority this activity is working towards.

Group / organisation	Project activity	Votes received	Funding awarded	Plan priority met
Terminal 1	Provided winter clothing packs to young people	541	£1,400	1, 3
Blantyre Queen Bees	Women's mental health and wellbeing programmes	516	£4,000	1, 3
Blantyre Queen Bees	Activities aimed at reducing isolation	514	£2,788	1, 3
Bonnie Blantyre	Purchase of pyjamas, and a gift for each young for young people identified as needing a 'festive hug'	506	£4,000	3, 6, 9
Terminal 1	A volunteer development programme. Recruitment and training of volunteers, and support to deliver services in the local community.	480	£4862 (part funded)	1, 3

Case study

Volunteer Programme

Terminal one successfully secured £4,862 of participatory budgeting funds to deliver a volunteer development programme. This programme has had a huge impact on all of those who took part, building confidence, new skills, and creating invaluable volunteering experiences that have benefitted not just the participant, but the wider community too.

"The training was great and I learned a lot. There is so much more to community work than I thought."

"I feel so much better after working at the clubs. I feel as if I have done good and made others happy"

14 new volunteers were recruited to the programme and 21 new and existing volunteers received training. Training included an introduction to Terminal One and youth work, child protection, community mapping and the Youth Scotland awards. Police Scotland have also contributed by giving input on anti-social behaviour and their roles as community police.

"It has given me a better idea about what goes on in the community. There is so much more to it than you think".

The volunteers also got the opportunity to deliver groups and activities to young people in local communities, and were supported throughout by experienced staff and volunteers

"I know that things like this are important for my future. I can now include this on my CV or college applications"

"I would like to be part of the Blantyre Youth Development Team so I can make decisions that will be good for my community"

Quotes

- I was very concerned about the cold weather and worried that last year's jacket didn't fit her anymore. Thankfully Terminal One provided a jacket, hat/gloves and scarf for all my kids. Thank you so much". **Parent**
- "Terminal One gave me an adidas jacket and it's the same as my mates". **young person 16**

- Blantyre Futures is beneficial in relation to linking in with partner agencies, establishing joint solutions to issues that impact on both the community and our organisations. It also provides a platform to hear from members of the community and what matters to them and how we can improve the area. **Stakeholder Group Member**

Burnhill

Burnhill is a small community located in Rutherglen, on the South Lanarkshire side of the border to Glasgow. It is part of Ward 12, Rutherglen Central and North, and has a population of around 3,300. The area is known for its strong community spirit, there are vibrant community groups who organise various activities for the community working tirelessly to promote community wellbeing and belonging.

As the neighbourhood plan progressed the dedication and determination of local residents who were wanting to make a difference in their community and address priorities that had been identified came together to address a piece of local land which was overgrown and unusable, known locally as The Highbacks. Charitable status was gained in June 2024 meaning that the charity was then able to then secure a long-term lease with South Lanarkshire Council for the continued growth of the area which they have transformed into the inclusive community space open to all the residents to enjoy.

Burnhill's plan sets out priorities identified by residents and highlights the positive things going on for Burnhill

Burnhill priorities 2024-2025

1. More leisure and social opportunities
2. Stronger and better communities
3. Physical environment and housing improvements
4. Play park and sports park improvements
5. Easier to get about/moving around
6. Greater community safety
7. More variety of shops/businesses
8. Better education, training and employment opportunities
9. Better financial wellbeing
10. Health improvements

Progress made against the priorities

- Continuous development of the Highbacks – sustainability projects, food growing opportunities ecofriendly initiatives
- Opportunities to socialise outdoors
- Young people were invited to participate in a nail technician course to encourage new skills and employment opportunity for local young people
- Free community events – Easter party, Summer funday, Christmas fayre
- MENDING minds mens group is a new community initiative which has been providing local men a safe space to talk and support each other. This has been working towards the neighbourhood priority of stronger and better communities and health improvement as the group incorporate wellness into the core values of their project.
- Parent Cafe run by the Nurturing Nook has hosted many themed events enjoyed by parents and toddlers in the community

Below outlines the description of the projects funded by participatory budgeting, the amount awarded, the amount of votes received and the local priority this activity is working towards.

Group / organisation	Project activity	Votes received	Funding awarded	Plan priority met
Rutherglen Glencairn	The ability to enter tournaments during the season by being able to supply medals and trophies to our team. Supported towards the high costs for bookings and other expenses.	313	£4000	1
High Backs Training Hub	Training room in High Backs provided the community to access Internet for 24 months, interactive Android TV for presentations, as well as providing devices for people to access for job hunting, benefit, learning courses and more.	260	£3500	8
Men's Group	Men's group allows local men the opportunity to get together to learn new skills as well as sharing skills. The group purchased equipment such as gardening, power tools that the whole community can benefit from.	258	£6000	2
Rutherglen Universal Connectio	Support the community by giving six local young people the opportunity to participate in an accredited nail technician course, gaining qualifications that allow for job and career opportunities for our young people.	122	£450 (part award)	8

Case study

On 24 September 2024, Community Planning Partners including the South Lanarkshire Council and Chief Executive Paul Manning, were invited to listen to a presentation from the Highbacks youth activism committee around their survey findings gathering community safety insight from residents around how they feel regarding Rutherglen main street. There was some critical feedback to officers with a commitment to further support these findings. The youth activism committee is a group of passionate young people who are working hard to make positive changes in their community. They are supported by the local community worker who supports the Highbacks development and is key to the incredible changes already achieved. **The Youth Activism Committee with the Community Planning partners and Lizzy McDonald.**

Cambuslang East

Cambuslang East sets out priorities and highlights the positive things going on for our community of Cambuslang East as a whole ward as well as Circuit, Westburn and Halfway which are the Community Planning Partnership priority areas within Cambuslang East. The population of Cambuslang East is over 18,000, and it's a lively, diverse community that sits within electoral Ward 14. There is a lot of active groups and organisations that work in the community, who have been

coming together to create vibrant, well attended events in the community, play park improvements, taking on local community assets through Community Asset Transfer to continuously work towards the neighbourhood planning priorities. The 10 neighbourhood planning priorities were set out through extensive community engagement.

Cambuslang East priorities 2024-2025

1. Play park and sports park improvements
2. More leisure and social opportunities
3. More variety of shops/businesses
4. Stronger and better communities
5. Physical environment and housing improvements
6. Easier to get about/moving around
7. Better education, training and employment opportunities
8. Greater community safety
9. Health improvements
10. Better financial wellbeing

Progress made against the priorities

- Halfway fireworks event 2024, the community's largest annual event, gathered an impressive crowd with spectators from across South Lanarkshire, Glasgow and beyond attending to experience the show.
- Halfway Hall free school uniform initiative helping families save money and encouraging sustainability.
- Circuit Youth Club have been facilitating social opportunities for local young people and families by taking local families on trips such as Alton Towers. This has created an equitable opportunity within the community.

Below outlines the description of the projects funded by participatory budgeting, the amount awarded, the amount of votes received and the local priority this activity is working towards.

Group / organisation	Project activity	Votes received	Funding awarded	Plan priority met
Parkview Primary School	This provided the opportunity to take pupils and families out on day trips that they would otherwise be unable to do. This provided families excursions where children can go on trips with their families so that they are able to experience these times together to build nurturing and attachment informed relationships.	465	£14,000	7
Parkview Primary School	Facilitating mother and toddler group within the school for pre-school children of existing families and also for the wider Halfway Community.	475	£1,500	4

Fernhill

Fernhill is a small community in Rutherglen that sits on the South Lanarkshire side of the border to Glasgow City Council and has a population of roughly 1,887. Rented properties are split between local authority and West of Scotland Housing Association. In the centre of the community there is a large multi-use modern community centre operated by South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Fernhill which is a hub for local community groups. Fernhill has a very strong network of community volunteers who deliver a variety of activities for the community.

Fernhill's plan sets out priorities and highlights the positive things going on for our community of Fernhill identified by residents.

Fernhill priorities 2024-2025

1. More leisure and social opportunities
2. Stronger and better communities
3. Physical environment and housing improvements
4. Play park and sports park improvements
5. Easier to get about/moving around
6. Greater community safety
7. More variety of shops/ businesses
8. Better education and training opportunities
9. Better financial wellbeing
10. Health improvements

Progress made against the priorities

- Fernhill open community meeting that meets monthly since February 2025.
- Fernhill Kids Playscheme hosting many well attended trips and outings over the school holiday, including the Irn-Bru carnival and pantomime.
- DJ equipment was purchased for by communities together for community use
- Brand new football equipment was purchased.

Below outlines the description of the projects funded by participatory budgeting, the amount awarded, the amount of votes received and the local priority this activity is working towards.

Group / organisation	Project activity	Votes received	Funding awarded	Plan priority met
Fernhill Soccer School	Supporting the ongoing costs of the Fernhill Soccer School to keep the club free for families to use.	256	£5000	10
Fernhill Playscheme	Provided opportunities that families often wouldn't be able to access by having social outings throughout the year including access to residential stays.	195	£5000	1
Fernhill Wednesday 9's football	Attempt to purchase goals to enable older people to have a smaller place to play.	175	£2500	4
Communities Together	Events to bring the keep the magic of Christmas alive by hosting Christmas events in	151	£1450 (part award)	2

	the Fernhill Community Centre.			
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Case Study

Fernhill soccer school was established in Fernhill over 14 years ago, providing free football activity in the local community. The soccer school was initiated to get local children and young people mixing in attempt to prevent anti social behaviour and prevent gang culture. Through the determination of local volunteers, they undertook training, qualifications and created policies in which enabled the group to start offering football to the local community. A key part of this organisation has been the emphasis on providing free activity to the local children and young people in the community, fundraising to purchase kit and to provide fresh healthy snack to the participants. Having this continuous offer of free weekly football is important to the local community and is achieved through the hard work, determination and commitment of the local volunteers to keep this sustainable.

Hamilton South

Hamilton South Ward has a population of over 22,000 people, priority areas for neighbourhood planning activity are Eddlewood, Fairhill, and Low Waters. Although Neighbourhood planning activity across the ward started in Summer 2023, neighbourhood planning in Fairhill had already begun.

A local stakeholder group was formed representing residents, elected members and staff working in the area representing community planning partners.

The neighbourhood plan for Hamilton South sets out ten priority themes using the plan created for Fairhill but widening its scope to cover all areas. Identifying targets to benefit both the individual and collective communities.

Hamilton South has many community assets and a vibrant community infrastructure. local groups and organisations, who contribute to wider community wellbeing because their principal priorities are to promote improve community involvement, strengthen community spirit and connectedness.

Hamilton South priorities 2024-2025

1. Physical environment
2. More leisure and social opportunities
3. Greater community safety
4. Easier to get about/moving around
5. More variety of shops and businesses
6. Housing improvements
7. Stronger and better communities
8. Better financial wellbeing
9. Health improvements
10. Better education, training and employment opportunities

Progress made against the priorities

- The stakeholder group continues to meet six weekly, taking forward local priorities.
- The stakeholder group has created opportunities for members to widen networks, share resources and work together to influence and shape their communities
- Participatory budgeting took place. Six community led place based participatory budgeting proposals were submitted, five were fully funded, one was part-funded.

Below outlines the description of the projects funded by participatory budgeting, the amount awarded, the amount of votes received and the local priority this activity is working towards.

Group / organisation	Project activity	Votes received	Funding awarded	Plan priority met
Eddlewood Activity Group	The group underwent safeguarding training. Purchased IT equipment and arranged community outings and events.	660	£2060	2, 7, 9
Eddlewood F.C.	Purchase of a converted shipping container to establish a community café.	523	£7000	1, 2, 7, 8, 9
St Elizabeth's Primary School	Delivery of a sports and physical activity programme for primary aged children	500	£2000	2, 7, 8, 9, 10
St Elizabeth's Primary School	A community reading programme involving the school and wider community to promote a love of read	459	£2500	2, 7, 8, 9, 10
Low Waters Community Group	Refurbishment of toilets in Low Waters hall a community asset transferred facility	333	£6500	1, 2, 7, 9
Low Waters Lot Community Group	Delivery of a 12- week Garden to Plate course at South Lanarkshire College.	252	£1640	1, 2, 7, 9, 10

Case study

Revitalising and improving community spaces for all

Since successfully completing a community asset transfer from South Lanarkshire Council in July 2024, the Low Waters Community Group have shown exceptional dedication to developing Low Waters Community Hall. The group is a registered charity and they have taken on the responsibility for the management and maintenance of the hall, upgrading, repairing and maintaining the building. A lot of effort has also gone to involving individuals, community groups and potential user groups in the project. This is truly a volunteer led project that will bring huge benefits to Low Waters and surrounding areas.

The group secured £6,931.63 place based participatory budgeting funding to renovate and upgrade the bathroom facilities in the hall. The group have subsequently secured a further £50,000 which will provide energy efficiency improvements.

The renovation journey is well on its way !

“The refurbishment of the hall will enable the Low Waters Community Group to secure essential facilities and services for the whole community. This is a great example of what people can achieve together, fostering growth and future success. The group are breathing new life into this valuable community asset.”

Quote

- “We received £2,500 of participatory budgeting fund to set up a reading project. We linked in with our local community to promote reading for pleasure amongst our children, families and friends of our school. We worked in partnership with local businesses, shops and

establishments, our children were involved in helping to actively promote reading by reading, leaving book boxes in shops, hairdressers, church and library. We have created lending libraries across the school – in the front foyer, in the corridor and in the lunch hall. We have worked with cartoonists, authors, Robertson Homes, children and staff from feeder secondary school to help promote involvement in our reading project.” **Headteacher St Elizabeths Primary School**

- “Garden to Plate was a 12-week course provided by South Lanarkshire College, the course offered theory and practical advice on horticulture and gardening. We also took part in a seminar at Edinburgh Botanic Gardens looking at work in the area of horticulture, as well as the social benefits of gardening and visiting gardens”. **Low Waters Lot Community Group member**
- We have purchased a used container to convert into Eddlewood Football Club Container Café for use during match days, tournaments and community days. We can have approximately 150 kids plus playing football and their parents on a Saturday morning. We hope the café will bring in additional revenue to the club and all profit will be invested to help maintain affordable football in a deprived area.”. **Member of Eddlewood Football Club**

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank is in north west of Hamilton and has a population of 7,051. Neighbourhood Planning in area began in November 2017. The community group was established in early 2019 and since then they have been working alongside the other stakeholders, bringing the Neighbourhood plan to life, addressing priorities and making positive improvements.

The area is known for its strong sense of community and benefits from a vibrant community and voluntary sector, creating positive opportunities, delivering activities and providing essential support around finances and wellbeing. Many groups in the area have a firm focus on tackling poverty and inequality.

The role of the community group is to oversee the delivery of the plan, to assist with the annual re-ranking of the priorities in the plan and actively engaging with the wider community. To keep residents both involved and informed of progress.

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank priorities 2024-2025

1. Housing improvement
2. More leisure and social opportunities
3. Greater community safety
4. Better financial wellbeing
5. Physical environmental improvements
6. Better education, training and employment opportunities
7. Health improvements
8. Stronger and better communities
9. Better employment and business opportunities
10. Easier to get about/moving around

Progress made against the priorities

- The HUB stakeholder group continues to meet six weekly, taking forward local priorities.
- Housing providers have worked more collaboratively, and with community groups

- Local people are more connected and working in partnership with service providers
- Participatory Budgeting took place. Sixteen community-led place based participatory budgeting proposals were submitted, seven were fully funded, one was part-funded.

Below outlines the description of the projects funded by participatory budgeting, the amount awarded, the amount of votes received and the local priority this activity is working towards.

Group / organisation	Project activity	Votes received	Funding awarded	Plan priority met
Supporting Our Community	The purchase of a community defibrillator	310	£1,764	3, 7, 8
Hillhouse and Burnbank Youth Clubs - Terminal One	Training to build capacity and empower young people, resulting in a youth development team being formed.	297	£4,362	6, 7, 8
Hillhouse Tenants and Residents Association	Supporting the delivery of a community led food pantry, provision of food and other essential items	283	£5,105	2, 4, 7, 8
Hillhouse Tenants and Residents Association	Purchase of a poly tunnel and gardening equipment	253	£6,500	2, 5, 6, 7, 8
St John Ogilvie High School – Parent Council	Weekend supported study giving pupils free tuition ahead of national qualifications	249	£4,534.50	2, 6, 7, 8
(Local Resident) – Installation of Defibrillators	Installation and purchase of two defibrillators for the Burnbank area	207	£2,000	3, 7, 8
17th Hamilton Brownies	Purchase of uniforms and starter.	152	£915	2, 4, 8
Burnbank Community Hub	Delivery of health and well-being mindful arts workshops	150	£3,120 (part funded)	2, 7, 8

Case study

Supporting Pupils Reach Their Potential

John Ogilvie High School Parent Council received participatory budgeting funds to deliver a weekend study programme.

The programme offered young people a supported study space, staff led learning opportunities and guidance on planning and prioritising their studies. The overall aim of the weekend study programme was to encourage pupils be more confident in their studies and exams

“I felt much better about my work. It’s easier to understand as I had study plans in place”
S4 pupil

Pupils from Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank areas were prioritised for the programme. The sessions strengthened the relationships between the young people, teachers and their peers, and removed the financial barriers that are attached to private tuition

“The study sessions were so important for the pupils when preparing for exams and supported them in their learning. We know that families have also benefited from this programme as they may not have the means to pay for private tuition.” Parent council member”

The collaboration between the Parent Council and the school was simply incredible The Parent Council helped set up for the session and provided stationary, snacks and drinks pupils. Terminal One Youth Centre also provided support to young people and families if this was required.

Quote

- I was worried about the training being too official but afterwards I felt okay saying what I thought and, that what I said mattered”. **Terminal 1 Volunteer programme participant**
- “We used participatory budgeting funds to buy, build and kit out a 36 foot polytunnel. We are growing vegetables, fruits and flowers, we want to be able to grow in bulk to supply local people with free produce. Many of our volunteers don’t have a garden but have a love of gardening. They are sharing their skills and creating a welcoming place for everyone to enjoy”. **Treasurer Hillhouse Link Tenant and Residents Association Strutherhill and Birkenshaw**
- Supporting Our Community applied for £1,764 of participatory funding to purchase a defibrillator. Hillhouse Parish Church agreed to have the defibrillator installed on their building. There was an additional cost for installation which both organisations split between us. **SOC member**

Springhall and Whitlawburn

Springhall and Whitlawburn has a population of approx. 3,414 people and sits slightly north of Cathkin braes. In 2017 this neighbourhood was identified by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership to test a new approach to Neighbourhood Planning. This work has its roots in the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) which requires Community Planning Partnerships to develop neighbourhood plans with communities and make positive changes and improve outcomes where this is needed the most.

In recent years Springhall and Whitlawburn have benefited significantly from

- The East Whitlawburn regeneration plan
- The refurbishment of Springhall Community Centre and Library and Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre, both facilities provide a base for several local groups and organisations.
- The community led development of the Cage

The neighbourhood has a strong and thriving community and voluntary sector providing a range of services and activities for all ages. Including youth services, activities for pre fives and for older people, opportunities for child and family learning, social and recreational activities as well as activities that promote physical activity, mental health and wellbeing.

Springhall and Whitlawburn priorities 2024-2025

1. More leisure, recreation and social opportunities
2. Building stronger and better communities
3. Housing improvements
4. Greater community safety
5. Better financial wellbeing
6. Physical environmental improvements

7. Health improvements
8. Better employment and business opportunities
9. Better education and training opportunities
10. Easier to move around

Progress made against the priorities

- The stakeholder group continues to meet six weekly, taking forward local priorities.
- The group decided to make building community connections and promoting community participation a key priority.
- Participatory budgeting took place with eleven community led place based participatory budgeting proposals being submitted, six were fully funded, one was part-funded.

Below outlines the description of the projects funded by participatory budgeting, the amount awarded, the amount of votes received and the local priority this activity is working towards.

Group / organisation	Project activity	Votes received	Funding awarded	Plan priority met
Future Communities	Young people delivered extensive programme of free community events open to all resources were purchased including a projector, screen and a community movie licence.	1,133	£3,937.50	1, 2, 7
Whitlawburn Community Christian Fellowship	Support the delivery of community lunches and events.	680	£920	1, 2, 5, 7
Our Place Our Plan, Skip into Action	Hire of skips to help address fly tipping	606	£2,200	1, 2, 5, 6, 7
Whitlawburn Adult Support Group	Adult support group in Whitlawburn	548	£1,500	1, 2, 5, 7
Age Active	To promote programme of activities for older people, including seasonal events	513	£3,970	1, 2, 6, 7, 10
Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre Fitness Classes	Fitness classes, hall hire and tutor fees	507	£1,025	1, 2, 5, 7
Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre Men's Group	The development of a group aimed at bringing men together for social contact and activities	478	£1947.50 (part funded)	1, 2, 7, 9

Case study

Future Communities, building connections and communities

Future Communities are a volunteer led youth group. They received participatory budgeting funding to deliver a series of community events, activities and the purchase of equipment and resources for wider community use. The groups aim was to widening community participation, reducing poverty

and loneliness. The events kicked off with a family Halloween disco followed by a series of free community events.

The group purchased a community movie licence this enabled them to show movies at no cost to the community and a series of arts and crafts activities have also taken place. 155 individuals have participated in this project to date

"Families attended the movie night were so thankful to be able to spend time together, many struggle financially and cannot afford to go to the cinema. The free community movie night was an amazing opportunity" Future Communities Member

"The free event have been great as this kept the kids off of the street." Parent
The group have created a welcoming safe space in their base at Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre this has helped remove barriers to involvement and make community connections and created stronger community networks.

"I felt welcomed and included within the community centre and it was joyful to see so many families together having fun" Springhall and Whitlawburn Resident

Future Communities have successfully secured the involvement of local businesses in what they do and have received donations for activities, such as the hire of a bouncy castle and provisions for a tuckshop at events, a local energy company supported a Santa drive.

On top of all this, Future Communities have created a network of volunteers involving young people to older residents. Volunteers have not only gained confidence, but they have also shared skills and developed new skills as they work as a team and lead the way in organising and delivering community wide events and activities.

Participatory budgeting funds also allowed the group to purchase a range of equipment, community assets that other local groups can borrow.

"The community asset list of equipment has enabled us to offer an alternative activity that ordinarily our own group could not provide. We borrowed the community projector and screen as well as the large speaker in order to run our event. This was mind-blowing especially as it was free" Local group member

Quote

- Our involvement in neighbourhood planning has been invaluable, not only as a way to stay informed about local developments, but also as a meaningful opportunity to build relationships and collaborate with others who are passionate about shaping our community.". **SLLC Springhall Library**
- "I voted for our senior's group and a few other great projects too. Participatory budgeting a great idea, having a say on what happens in our area.". **Mary, Age Active member**
- We are so grateful to Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre, for applying for PB funding to help provide much needed resources like arts and crafts materials, new board games and also covering the cost of activities for our group including music therapy , baking, and sports. . **Member Camglen Buddies**

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw is situated in the South of Larkhall and has a population of 3,554. The area was identified by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) in 2017 to test

a new approach to tackling inequalities, empowering communities and improving outcomes for local people

This work was established in line with Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 which requires the CPP to develop Neighbourhood Plans with communities to improve outcomes where they are needed the most.

in 2018 extensive community consultation took place, residents identified ten broad priority themes for their area, and these themes form the basis the Our Place Our Plan neighbourhood plan. The community action group was established in 2019 and since then the group have been leading the way and working with other stakeholders to bring their neighbourhood plan to life. The group has a key role in the delivery of the neighbourhood plan, annually reranking priorities to ensure they continue to meet local needs, they support participatory budgeting activity and engage with the wider community, to keep residents both involved and informed of progress with the plan

The area benefits from well-established and new groups that provide social and recreational opportunities for all ages. Including youth groups, a women's guild, uniformed organisations, breakfast clubs and after school care, a community Hub, as well as child and family focused activities.

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw priorities 2024-2025

1. More leisure recreation and social opportunities
2. Greater community safety
3. Physical environmental improvements
4. Housing improvements
5. Health improvements
6. Building stronger and better communities
7. Better education and training opportunities
8. Better financial wellbeing
9. Better employment and business opportunities
10. Easier to move around

Progress made against the priorities

- The community action group continues to meet monthly taking forward local priorities.
- The group are more engaged, connected and collaborating with service providers, they have pursued priorities identified by residents such as fly tipping, antisocial behavior, car parking, speeding, development of vacant land and land ownership, lighting for a MUGA.
- The Brew and Blether, has been set up providing a focal point in the community, promoting opportunities for social contact and access to wrap around services, this is a community led initiative involving the Strutherhill Community Action Group supported by the community action group.
- Participatory budgeting took place with nine proposals were received, three were fully funded, one was part funded.

Below outlines the description of the projects funded by participatory budgeting, the amount awarded, the amount of votes received and the local priority this activity is working towards.

Group / organisation	Project activity	Votes received	Funding awarded	Plan priority met
Craigbank Primary School	Purchase of wo reading sheds offering school and	307	£3,500	1, 5, 6, 7

	community access to free books and a book exchange			
Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Youth Project	An extensive programme of social, recreational and educational activities for young people	256	£4,375.99	1, 5, 6, 8
The Machan Trust	A child and family focused programme encouraging families to play, learn and grow together	224	£6,100.00	1, 5, 6, 7, 8
Skylark Secret Garden at Robert Smillie Memorial Primary	The development of a community garden, to encourage a greater appreciation of green spaces. The garden will foster school and wider community involvement.	216	£5,000	1, 3, 5, 6, 8

Case study

Machan Trust Kidz Klub and Imagination Hub

The Machan Trust received participatory budgeting funds to provide a programme of group based after school activities for primary school children of varying ages. Fifty children took part and got the opportunity to enjoy crafts, cooking, environmental and recycling projects, Lego and various other activities. All activities were free of charge, and food was provided too at each session. The groups were run by trained staff and volunteers and attracted young people to take part in the Machan Trusts young volunteer programme.

Using fun and interactive activities, the aim was to raise aspirations, develop social skills, and teach new skills, building strong relationships, encouraging resilience. making healthy choices, mental health support, socialising, and peer support.

By providing a volunteering and employability programme The Machan Trust improved the skills and employability prospects of volunteers two volunteers have moved into employment. One volunteer with disabilities has gained vital experience and confidence through volunteering. Four young people have taken up roles in a young volunteer programme and are progressing well. The children attending the younger group gained a lot of skills in teamwork and eco activities. The older group learned from a range of stem activities promoting teamwork, concentration, learning new skills, construction work, handling tools, understanding magnets and various other skills.

Quote

- “Participatory budgeting enabled us to provide a full programme of activities for young people who might not have got the chance to do so due to cost. Over 60 young people aged 8 to 18 have benefited from activities offered at Strutherhill and Birkenshaw youth project. We purchased more equipment and delivered activities focusing on mental, physical wellbeing and promoting healthier lifestyles. We also made improvements to the facility we meet in, making it more welcoming and comfortable space, we also cooked and prepared snacks together.”
 - “We received £4,300 from participatory budgeting to enable us to continue to develop Skylark Secret Garden, previously a piece of unused green space funding is helping create a community growing and sensory garden that can be enjoyed by all, now and in the future. We are very grateful to the Unpaid Work team for all their help in progressing our project”.
- Skylark Early Learning Centre and Robert Smillie nursery class**

- “We used the funds to purchase community reading sheds, we wanted to foster a love of reading by provide access to a quite reading space and opportunities to book swap. We wanted to build links between the school and the wider community 233 residents, young and old have been able enjoy our project and community members have really participated in, and enjoyed book swapping.”. **Craigbank Primary School**

Whitehill

Whitehill is in North Hamilton and has a population of around 2,500 people. Over the past 20 years the area has benefited from developments including social housing, a care facility for older people and a neighborhood centre.

The Whitehill neighborhood centre provides an invaluable focal point for community activity and offers a base to Youth, Family, and Community Learning staff, Universal Connection and Child Care in the Community.

The area benefits greatly from vibrant community groups and organisations, and their ongoing efforts contribute significantly to promoting community spirit, community connections and wellbeing.

Whitehill priorities 2024-2025

1. Play park and sports park improvements
2. More leisure recreation and social opportunities
3. Stronger and better communities
4. Physical environmental improvements
5. Easier to get about/moving around
6. Better education, training and employment opportunities
7. Greater community safety
8. Health improvements
9. Better financial wellbeing
10. More variety of shops and businesses

Progress made against the priorities

- The stakeholder group continues to meet six weekly taking forward local priorities.
- Residents are more engaged, connected and collaborating with service providers, they have pursued priorities identified by residents such as fly tipping, antisocial behavior, land ownership, housing issues, bus service provision, and the reinstatement of a post box.
- Ten community led place based participatory budgeting proposals were submitted, five proposals were fully funded, and one was part-funded.

Below outlines the description of the projects funded by participatory budgeting, the amount awarded, the amount of votes received and the local priority this activity is working towards.

Group / organisation	Project activity	Votes received	Funding awarded	Plan priority met
Whitehill Activity Group 143	Delivery of a series of community events aimed at bringing the community together and strengthening community spirit	143	£3000	2, 3, 8,9

St Pauls Primary School Parent Council 105	Afterschool activities aimed at promoting health and well being	105	£1000	2, 3, 8, 9
Whitehill Activity Group 103	The group hosted six community breakfasts	103	£1250	2, 3, 5, 8, 9
Whitehill Universal Connections 99	A community wide fun day was held	99	£2250	2, 3, 8, 9
Active School 99	A sports club took place introducing primary aged children to new activities including archery	99	£2000	2, 3, 6, 8, 9
Whitehill Universal Connections 75	Furnishing to create a relaxed space	75	£1000 Part Funded	4

Case study

Whitehill community fun day – building community connections and community spirit .

PB funding was used to cover the costs of organising and hosting a community fun day, this event was a joint venture between Whitehill Universal Connections, Whitehill Activity Group, Childcare in the Community, Bothwell Road Action Group and Whitehill community members.

“The community fun day was fabulous thanks for all you do in our community “

Attended by 270 residents the event was all about celebrating community spirit and fostering a strong sense of community for Whitehill residents of all ages.

“ Great day well done all “ Whitehill resident

This intergenerational gathering created a unique space for sharing experiences, strengthening community bonds and highlighting the very best features of this neighbourhood – the people who live there, and the groups and organisations that work tirelessly and in partnership to bring people together.

The programme on the day was amazing especially the entertainment and activities. Special attention was given to catering for all ages, abilities and interests and this ensured that everyone felt valued and got involved.

“Brilliant loved it” Whitehill Resident

Quote

- “Our events, and the trip to the pantomime was open to all members of the Whitehill community, and created opportunities for people to meet, interact, and build relationships, combating social isolation and loneliness, while fostering a sense of belonging. We bought a karaoke and bingo machines which can be used at future events future community events”.
Whitehill Action Group
- “Building on the success of our recent community fun day, we are so committed to organising another one. To help us achieve this, we are actively exploring alternative funding avenues and initiating community fundraising efforts. We aim to secure the funds needed to bring the community together again”. **Whitehill community fun day stakeholder**
- “We worked with the national governing body, Scottish Archery to upskill the senior pupils who participated in an Introduction to soft archery leadership course to offer them the opportunity to deliver soft archery in a community setting in a fun and safe way for the young people and allowing these sessions to potentially continue next year. A local archery club

also supported the delivery of the sessions in the Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre.” **Active Schools Co-ordinator, Whitehill Community Club**

Collaboration across all neighbourhoods

Stakeholder groups across all neighbourhood planning areas have been working collaboratively to develop a community safety card. This is in response to community safety being a key priority across all neighbourhood plans. The aim of the card is to promote public reassurance and public reporting.



Priorities in neighborhood planning areas in 2025-2026

Neighbourhood planning is being delivered using a solution focused, asset-based approach, building community confidence, increasing participation and bringing lasting improvements through community led decision making.

Neighbourhood Plan priorities for 2025-2026 include:

- Reranking of all local neighborhood plan priorities
- Working with local neighborhood planning groups to develop their own action plan for the year ahead
- Delivery of Participatory Budgeting to all neighborhood planning areas
- Identify opportunity for collaboration amongst all neighborhood planning groups
- Maximizing funding opportunities

Community Safety Card
(4 fold leaflet layout)

Useful contacts

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Phone: 0303 123 1015

Report fly tipping
www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/fly-tipping

Report graffiti
www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/graffiti

Out of hours emergency
Phone: 0800 24 20 24

Health and wellbeing
www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/mental-wellbeing/

Money is not the only problem

Money is not the only problem is an online resource that can give you access to help and support that is available to you, regarding finances and wellbeing.

Access the resource here



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Participatory Budgeting Activity 2024 to 2025

A total of £155,000 was invested across nine neighbourhood planning areas, £40,000 from SLC and a further contribution of £115,000 from the UK Government's Shared Prosperity Fund.

Neighbourhood Planning Area	Number of residents voted	Number of PB proposals	Activities supported
Blantyre	1,582	14 received 4 fully funded 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two women's mental health and wellbeing programmes aimed at promoting wellbeing and reducing isolation; A capacity building volunteer development programme for young people; and A festive initiative targeting high school pupils.
Hamilton South	911	6 received 5 fully funded 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purchase of a converted shipping container converted to become a community café; Garden on a plate, a 12-week training programme around growing; A community wide project promoting reading; A sports and physical activity for primary aged children; Remedial repairs to a building transferred through Community Asset Transfer; Community capacity building; Safeguarding training; Disclosure costs; and Purchase of IT equipment.
Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank	879	17 received 7 fully funded 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food supplies for a food pantry; Two defibrillators; Purchase of a polytunnel; Improvements to green and open space; Capacity building support and training to develop a youth development team; A supported study programme for high school pupils; and A residential camp for young people.

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw	566	9 received 3 fully funded 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading sheds offering community access to free books and a book exchange; • Delivery of a youth diversion programme; • Delivery of activities and group work targeting children and families; and • The development of a community garden.
Whitehill	288	10 received 5 fully funded 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole community events and activities; • Afterschool activity promoting health and wellbeing; • 6 community breakfasts; • A community fun day delivered in partnership with community groups and organisations; and • A community sports club
Burnhill	382	6 received 3 fully funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A training HUB; • Promoting community access to IT equipment, training and job search; • A men's group; and • The purchase of gardening equipment.
Cambuslang East	1,386	14 received 2 fully funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport, minibus hire to enable pupils and parents to participate in educational and social visits; and • The development and delivery of a mother and toddler group.
Fernhill	405	9 received 4 fully funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running costs of a soccer school; • A playscheme offering social outings and residential stays; • Purchase of football goals to promote younger and older participation in football; and • A Christmas celebration for the whole community.

Springhall and Whitlawburn	1,960	11 received 6 fully funded 1 part funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free themed community events open to all; • Community resources and equipment; • A projector and screen; • A community movie licence; • Hall lets; • A skip initiative; • An Adult Support Group for people with disabilities; • A Men's Group; and • Fitness classes.
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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	National Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board Self-Assessment Programme Local Outcomes
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Aileen Murray, Community Planning Adviser Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: aileen.murray@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ to advise the Board of the local outcomes of the National Community Planning Partnership Self-Assessment programme and provide an opportunity to give feedback on the content of the draft implementation plan.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the draft improvement plan, subject to feedback, is approved for implementation.
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	♦ All ambitions/principles.
Summary of Report:	♦ Section 3 sets out the CPPs background to self-assessment activity. ♦ Section 4 provides a summary of the full Improvement Plan which is attached at Appendix 1.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	National CPP Board Self-Assessment Programme Local Outcomes
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ to advise the Board of the local outcomes of the National Community Planning Partnership Self-Assessment programme and provide an opportunity to give feedback on the content of the draft implementation plan.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the draft improvement plan, subject to feedback, is approved for implementation.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) is a self-assessment approach which is managed by the Improvement Service. The key aim of self-assessment at this level is to support the CPP Board to ensure that areas such as governance, accountability, leadership and performance management are fit for purpose to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan.
- 3.2. The Checklist Approach was launched in 2016 to support self-assessment work with Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to allow Board members to scrutinise the Board's effectiveness and how it operates.
- 3.3. Working with the Improvement Service, the Board completed their first self-assessment on 7 December 2016. The focus of this was on the CPP's readiness for the implementation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
- 3.4. This was followed by a second self-assessment (also supported by the Improvement Service) during January/February 2019. This involved the Board, Thematic Groups and Third Sector Organisations. Following the council's approval of the Best Value Assurance Report (BVAR) which made recommendations about Community Planning, an improvement planning session was held to consider the output of the self-assessment together with the outcomes of the BVAR. At this session, the Board agreed priority areas for improvement to take forward. These informed the review of Community Planning in South Lanarkshire.

- 3.5. The Board participated in its third self-assessment, the new National Community Planning Partnership programme hosted by the Improvement Service in November 2024. Only members of the CPP Board could participate in this and discussions took place with all CPP Thematic Groups, to advise them of the option to carry out their own thematic self-assessment. A Consensus Session to review the survey feedback was held with the Board on 29 April 2025. A draft Implementation Plan was prepared by the Improvement Service and further developed by the CPP Progress Group and reviewed by the CPP Outcomes Leads Group.
- 3.6. Table 1 below shows a summary of the overall survey scores for the CPP. Respondents were asked to score how well they thought the CPP was performing across each of the six categories. Overall, the scores show a positive trend and that the Partnership continues to show good progress across all areas.

Table 1 - Summary of the CPPs Self-Assessment Activity from 2016 to 2024

Category	2016	2019	2024
Shared Leadership	Previously a combined section – 64%	82%	88%
Governance and Accountability		75%	74%
Community – Needs and Empowerment	52%	54%	86%
Effective Use of Joint Resources	54%	49%	68%
Reporting of Performance Management and Outcomes	72%	62%	76%
How CPP is Making an Impact	58%	N/A	66%

4. Draft Implementation Plan

- 4.1. The draft implementation plan is attached as Appendix 1. This sets out 14 actions across the three main priority themes identified at the Consensus Session. Table 2 below provides a summary:-

Table 2 – Draft Self-Assessment Implementation Plan Summary

Category	Improvement Action
Evidencing Early Intervention and Prevention	Review and refocus Board Agenda
	Review and refocus Board reporting template
	Simplify language used in Board reports to increase engagement
	Map CPP Performance Framework to Marmot/Public Health Framework
Clearly articulate the performance expectations of the Board in reducing inequalities	Review inequalities data
	Hold a CPP Board Development Session focussed on reducing inequalities
	Map all partners contributions to reducing inequalities
	Review how partnership activity/funding aligns to reducing inequalities

Category	Improvement Action
	Develop further approaches for Board scrutiny in relation to reducing inequalities
Further develop support and training for communities to engage in the work of the partnership	Widen CPP communications to engage more of the community
	Meaningfully engage with community partnerships around areas such as identifying training needs
	Explore ways to celebrate community successes
	Consider how better to promote and communicate support and training that is available for volunteers
	Explore opportunities for implementing a mentoring scheme to attract new members to community partnerships

5. Next steps

- 5.1. Work will be undertaken by the identified leads to progress the actions set out in the Improvement Plan. Five of these actions are already being progressed with the remaining nine considered to be new actions. Regular updates will be provided to the Board to monitor progress.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no risk issues associated with this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or Consultation implications associated with this report.

Paul Manning
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South Lanarkshire Council

27 August 2025

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South Lanarkshire CPP – National Community Planning Self-Assessment

Draft Improvement Plan – August 2025

Improvement actions	Lead	Implications [Risk, Cost, Resource]	Target Date	Measure	Outcomes
1. Consider how the CPP can better evidence that their actions are facilitating the desired shift to early intervention and prevention for LOIP outcomes.					
<p>1. Look to make CPP agendas more focused to make most of Board member's time around the more difficult areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is to give issues such as prevention and priorities space on a Board agenda. This may mean reducing some of the other content from the agenda. 	Outcomes Leads Group	<p>Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk is organisations are still making decisions within silos. Governance structures need to reflect joint work in areas such as early intervention and prevention and not operate in silos. Risk around not thinking and planning for longer term transformational change. Board needs commitment to this agenda to make it survive. <p>Risks if Improvement Action Not Implemented</p>	December 2026	<p>Feedback that agendas and Board meetings are different and that Board is 'chasing the really difficult problems'.</p> <p>Space has been created for the Board to have discussion around 'wicked problems'.</p> <p>Emphasis of meetings has shifted from too many 'presentations' and are more about 'opportunities for discussion'. See Board meeting more as a 'problem solving space' rather than simply an 'updating space'.</p>	<p>The Board can demonstrate improvements in prevention for the South Lanarkshire population to improve public health.</p> <p>More visibility of medium and longer term aims around prevention and early intervention.</p> <p>Helping CPP organisations make decisions around early intervention and prevention for the long term.</p>
2. Develop an agreed template for Board papers to ensure that they cover CPP activity around early	Progress Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight the opportunity costs of not shifting to early 	March 2026	Consistent template developed and Board assured around progress in these areas.	

Improvement actions	Lead	Implications [Risk, Cost, Resource]	Target Date	Measure	Outcomes
intervention, prevention and also inequalities.		intervention and prevention. This is not sustainable for public services. Need to better evidence this.			
3. Look to simplify language in Board reports to make them more ‘user friendly’ to encourage better engagement around issues.	Progress Group	<u>Costs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Funding always a risk.Population Health Framework action needs to be linked to resources in order to address inequalities.	March 2026	Feedback that members are happy that reports are clear enough to stimulate open discussion around subject areas.	
4. Map the CPP Performance Framework to the inequalities in South Lanarkshire that the Marmot work (and the Population Health Framework to be published soon) will uncover.	Outcomes Leads		March 2026	CPP Performance Framework developed that maps to Marmot work which will clarify inequalities for the Board to focus upon.	
2. Look to clearly articulate the performance expectations of the Board in reducing inequalities across South Lanarkshire.					
1. Review what data is currently available in relation to inequalities across South Lanarkshire.	a. Marmot Place Data Group b. NHSL	<u>Risks if Improvement Action Not Implemented</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">CPP that perpetuates inequality.	March 2026	Mapping of existing data undertaken and linked with Marmot work and NHS Anchor agenda.	A reduction in inequalities across South Lanarkshire in the terms defined by the CPP.

Improvement actions	Lead	Implications [Risk, Cost, Resource]	Target Date	Measure	Outcomes
<p>a. Marmot work will support this.</p> <p>b. Map across with NHS Anchor agenda.</p>		<p>Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity cost – by prioritising areas, this will result in reduced spending in other areas. 			
<p>2. Hold a development session to define what the partnership is trying to achieve in terms of reducing inequalities across South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>a. Once defined, review the interventions and measures that are currently in place to ensure they allow the partnership to effectively measure progress in reducing inequalities.</p> <p>b. Do we have a dataset that</p>	<p>Outcomes</p> <p>Leads/Thematic</p> <p>Leads/Priority</p> <p>Leads</p>		June 2026	<p>Session held and agreement across the partnership in terms of what the CPP means in terms of reducing inequalities across South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>Agreement on the interventions and measures that the partnership will have in place to measure progress in reducing inequalities.</p> <p>Data available to support the agreed measures.</p>	

Improvement actions	Lead	Implications [Risk, Cost, Resource]	Target Date	Measure	Outcomes
supports these measures.					
<p>3. Map how individual partner organisations are currently contributing to reducing inequalities as defined as part of Action 1.</p> <p>a. Is there more we could be doing collectively as a partnership?</p>	All partners, Progress Group Lead		June 2026 (dependant on delivery of action 1 - Data)	Mapping completed with improved understanding of how partners are contributing.	
<p>4. Review how partnership activity/ funding is currently aligned to reduce inequalities.</p> <p>a. Clearly articulate the actions that are going to be undertaken, who will undertake them and when.</p> <p>b. Marmot work will support the refinement of</p>	Outcomes Leads and Leadership Board		December 2026	The partnership will be able to clearly articulate the actions which are being undertaken to reduce inequalities as well as who will undertake them and when.	

Improvement actions	Lead	Implications [Risk, Cost, Resource]	Target Date	Measure	Outcomes
priorities and ambitions as part of refresh of LOIP.					
<p>5. Further develop approaches for the Board to monitor and hold itself to account for the reduction in inequalities.</p> <p>a. Time on the Board agenda for scrutiny and accountability in terms of reducing inequalities. Look at what are the barriers we are facing and how are we going to overcome these.</p> <p>b. Model for assessing progress in terms of prevention looks at</p>	<p>a. Outcomes Leads</p> <p>b. Leadership Board</p>		<p>a. Aligns with category 1 actions on agenda changes</p> <p>b. Agreed</p>	<p>Agreed performance measures are reported to the Board.</p> <p>These measures and associated actions are scrutinised by the Board at meetings.</p>	

Improvement actions	Lead	Implications [Risk, Cost, Resource]	Target Date	Measure	Outcomes
primary, secondary and tertiary.					
3. Further develop support and training for communities to engage in the work of the partnership.					
<p>1. Widen the communications around the CPP to engage more of the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prioritise communication to community groups and people on the ground to ensure understanding and clarity around what a CPP is and how they can become involved and/or have their voice heard. Utilise existing networks to support and enable this work. 	<p>Leadership Board/CPP Partnership Development Officer/Partnership Comms Teams</p>	<p>Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising expectations of communities that it's not possible for the CPP to meet. Resourcing risk in terms of the cost of marketing, sharing information, etc. Getting the approach to communications wrong – unclear, complex language, use of jargon, etc. Capacity of staff to support this work in addition to current remits. Ensuring equity of voices being heard, 	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ensuring feedback loop between board and community groups, including movement on actions.</p> <p>CPP Group to undertake priorities collectively.</p> <p>Analyse and monitor feedback received to identify gaps, maintain an awareness, and ensure goals are being met.</p> <p>Gaps in rural and remote areas being represented at Community Council level and ensuring equal voice.</p>	<p>Working together in partnership to empower community voices at a strategic level.</p> <p>Building trust and confidence in the CPP with communities.</p> <p>Increased awareness of the CPP in local communities.</p>

Improvement actions	Lead	Implications [Risk, Cost, Resource]	Target Date	Measure	Outcomes
<p>2. Meaningfully engage with community partnerships around areas such as identifying training needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw upon Community partnerships self-assessment to support this. • Consider capturing feedback in different ways (WhatsApp, face to face discussion, local radio stations) than just the website. 	Partnership Communications Teams/CPP Partnership Development Officer	<p>particularly those communities who are seldom heard- lack of community empowerment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resourcing of support available for the whole of South Lanarkshire in the community engagement team. <p>Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget to deliver all actions. 	Ongoing	<p>Continuous monitoring of engagement.</p> <p>Training needs identified.</p> <p>Review feedback from self-assessment.</p>	
<p>3. Explore ways to celebrate success of communities, including CPP projects, via mechanisms such as website, VASLAN and local networks.</p>	Partnership comms teams/Community Partnerships/CPP Partnership Development Officer		Ongoing	<p>Increased website statistics.</p> <p>Increased levels of engagement with Community Partnerships.</p>	

Improvement actions	Lead	Implications [Risk, Cost, Resource]	Target Date	Measure	Outcomes
4. Community Engagement Team to consider how better to promote and communicate support and training that is available.	Partner training teams/CPP Partnership Development Officer		Ongoing	Launch of additional engagement methods outside of website. Utilisation of VASLAN.	
5. Explore opportunities for implementing a mentoring scheme to attract new members to community partnerships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure led by community and not by a corporate organisation. 	Community Partnerships/CPP Community Partnership Development Officer		March 2026	Having a community advocate in each Community Planning Partnership group.	

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability Update
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Frank Thomson, Clydesdale Locality Manager, Youth, Family and Community Learning Service, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 01698 552139 Email: frank.thomson@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ provide the Partnership Board with developments in relation to progressing the Youth Forum's action plan, outcomes from the Development Session between members of the Youth Forum and the Board held on 23 October 2024 and an update on the Development Session to be held on 22 October 2025.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the content of the report be noted; (2) that developments from the 2024 Board session be noted; (3) that the arrangements for the October Development Session be noted; and (4) that the success of the Conference of Schools 3 (COS3) event be celebrated and noted.
Risks/Challenges:	Section 10 provides a summary of the risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register relating to Nature and Climate.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ambition 1 - we will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources. ♦ Ambition 2 - we will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better. ♦ Ambition 3 - we will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work. ♦ Principles: Added Value and Continuous Improvement; Communication and Empowerment; and Embracing Change.
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Section 3 of the report presents the background to the agreement of a yearly development session between the Board and young people regarding climate and nature.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Section 4 sets out the topics discussed at the Board Development Session that took place on 23 October 2024 and progress to date against the topics. ◆ Section 5 provides an update on the proposed arrangements for the 2025 Development Session. ◆ Section 6 sets out the outcome and success of the Conference of Schools (COS) 3 event from 26-28 March 2025, at Hamilton Palace Sports Grounds and Low Parks Museum.
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Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with developments in relation to progressing the Youth Forum's action plan, outcomes from the development session between members of the Youth Forum and the Board held on 23 October 2024; and an update on the development session to be held on 22 October 2025.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that developments from the Board session be noted and considered;
- (3) that the arrangements for the October Development Session be noted; and
- (4) that the success of the Conference of Schools 3 (COS3) event be celebrated and noted.

3. Background

3.1. Following agreement by the Partnership Board to the creation of a separate, yearly development session with young people of the South Lanarkshire School Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability, the second of these sessions took place on 23 October 2024. The session was led by members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the South Lanarkshire School Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability.

3.2. This report sets out updates in relation to the outcomes from the Board session in addition to reporting on the success of the COS3 event that took place between the 26–28 March 2025; and provides an update on the arrangements for the October Development Session.

4. Climate Change and Sustainability Development Session - 23 October 2024

4.1. The session was led by pupils from Holy Cross High School, St John Ogilvie High School, and Trinity High School. Three topics of discussion were identified by

members of the Youth Forum from the eight top targets (see Appendix 1) that the forum had identified to drive forward for 2024/2025. These were:

- Walk to school campaign;
 - Uniform recycling; and
 - Community litter picks.
- 4.2. Members of the Youth Forum presented their plans against each target and the challenges that were being faced. Each target was thoroughly explored with the Board with both ideas and offers of support to progress specific challenges towards the target's achievements.
- 4.3. The Board recognised that the Youth Forum had genuinely highlighted issues which can be aligned with the council and CPP partners, and that they had raised ideas which are relevant and have inspired the Board as to how to tackle them.
- 4.4. Since the update provide 25 March 2025, the SLC Youth Forum have endeavoured to progress the three topics highlighted and explored:

Walk to school campaign:

Despite best efforts by the Youth Forum, and in addition to the update provided in March, there has been no notable further progress made on this target. Moving forward, the Youth Forum feel that it may be helpful to revisit the agreed actions, clarify any obstacles, and set clear next steps to ensure momentum is regained. As such, this topic remains an area of particular interest to the Youth Forum and members welcome further discussions with members of South Lanarkshire Partnership and wider partners in this respect.

Uniform recycling:

In March 2025, Education Resources supported the Youth Forum with and application for a £20,000 climate change funding grant aimed at developing and expanding the provision of pre-loved school uniforms across the authority. Education Resources have been engaging with ACS Clothing – a successful local business based at Eurocentral – for expert advice and potential collaboration.

ACS Clothing has expressed strong interest in supporting the Youth Forum to scale the project beyond its original scope. One suggestion from the company was to consider introducing a standardised school uniform across the authority, which could further support sustainability and reduce waste. On 3 June 2025, members of Education's Sustainability Team visited the ACS clothing's facility and were impressed by their innovative circular economy model for clothing reuse and recycling.

Additionally, ACS Clothing highlighted other potential funding avenues, including opportunities through Zero Waste Scotland. Moving forward, more in-depth discussions will be necessary, along with meaningful consultation involving pupils, schools, and parents, to explore the feasibility and impact of these proposals.

Education are exploring and developing the use of Parent Pay to create an online catalogue of recycled school uniforms that can be ordered online and then picked up

from the school, this will hopefully reduce barriers to asking for recycled school uniforms and provide anonymity for parents and pupils.

Community litter picks and community clean ups:

It was reported in March 2025, that Duncanrig Secondary School had massive success recently with more than 350 S1 pupils engaged in a 3-week campaign of litter picking in their community, with support from South Lanarkshire Council, providing the necessary equipment.

Since March 2025, several other schools including St John Ogilvie High School (HS) in Hamilton and Lesmahagow HS, have been actively involved in litter picking initiatives within their local communities. These activities helped raise awareness among students about the volume of waste generated locally and, as with Duncanrig HS in East Kilbride, encouraged a sense of environmental responsibility.

The Youth Forum had also planned a community litter picking day in partnership with the Countryside Rangers in May 2025. Unfortunately, due to heavy rainfall, the event had to be postponed. Plans are in place to reschedule this for the next academic year.

5. Climate and Nature Session - 22 October 2025

- 5.1. The next CPP Board Climate and Nature Session will take place on 22 October 2025 at Holy Cross High School, Hamilton from 4.30pm-6.30pm. This will be led by the Youth Forum.
- 5.2. The new Board of the Youth Forum were elected at the last meeting in June 2025, prior to the summer holiday break, and have therefore not met at the time of submitting this report.
- 5.3. The CPP Board will receive an update once the Youth Forum have met to discuss the proposed format for the event.
- 5.4. Given the interactive nature of the previous sessions, it is expected that the arrangements will be in a similar format.

6. Conference Of Schools 3 (COS3) event

- 6.1. The COS3 event took place between 26–28 March 2025 at the Hamilton Palace Sports Grounds complex and the Low Parks Museum facilities. Following on from the success of COS1 and COS2, the Youth Forum delivered 3 days of activities to over 300 P5–P7 primary students and their teachers inspiring meaningful discussions on climate change and sustainability.
- 6.2. The conference was designed with several key objectives in mind:
 - Educate and inspire children and teachers about climate change and sustainability through interactive learning.
 - Provide hands-on experiences that could be seamlessly integrated into primary school curriculum.
 - Foster collaboration between primary schools and young climate leaders, strengthening cross-sector partnerships.
 - Empower secondary students by giving them leadership roles in planning and executing environmental initiatives.
 - Encourage primary school students to see themselves as active contributors to environmental solutions.

6.3. The topics that Primaries explored were:-

- Waste Not, Want Not: Upcycling and recycling;
- Power Up: Understanding renewable energy;
- Planting for the Planet: Green your world;
- Eco-Friendly Heroes: Sustainable fashion; and
- Eco-Explorers: The importance of biodiversity.

6.4. Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive with a range of 'take backs' for students and teachers to stimulate ideas and activities to build on their experiences at COS3.

6.5. The COS3 event report can be accessed through the following link with 2 video links of media coverage, conducted by students, at the bottom of the report:

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAGjT8cXGus/1YA12x85HFVXu3OeTd9mlQ/edit>

The report can also be downloaded through the following link: **COS3 Report.pdf**.

7. Employee Implications

7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

9.1. It is envisaged that our continued commitment to bring about increased awareness and learning for sustainability, and a sense of enhanced collective responsibility will ultimately result in a change in behaviours to assist with the climate emergency.

10. Other Implications

10.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to partnership Climate and Nature action are set out in the table below. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

Risk Card Reference	Risk Classification	Risk Summary
CPP/2022/001	Very High	National and Global Challenges relating to Biodiversity Loss; Climate Action Failure; and Extreme Weather Events
CPP/2018/003	Very High	The Partnership does not deliver on its priority to take an integrated approach to the Climate and Nature emergencies and deliver its outcomes in a way which is consistent with the principles of sustainable development
CPP/2018/001	High	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032
CPP/2018/002	High	The CPP fails to engage effectively with communities (as required in the Community Empowerment Act and as a requirement to deliver the new Community Plan) in the planning, design and delivery of improved outcomes and inequalities

6. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangement

- 11.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. Following on from the consultation and engagement work to develop the “Planet” ambition of the Community Plan, these events are the first stage of further intensive participation and engagement activity with young people and communities.

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Community Planning Board Bulletin

17 September 2025

Overview and contents

Welcome to the CPP Board Bulletin, providing you with updates on key partnership activity relating to policy, strategy and service delivery.

September 2025 Update Contents

- Equally Safe South Lanarkshire: Preventing and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2025/2030 (Slides 3 - 7);
- South Lanarkshire Community Justice Partnership (Slides 8/17); and
- Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) Q1 Report 2025/26 (Slides 18-19).

Equally Safe South Lanarkshire: Preventing and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2025/2030

Equally Safe 2023 is Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls (VAWG). The national strategy sets out the following four aims:-

- Scottish society embraces equality and mutual respect, and rejects all forms of violence against women and girls;
- Women and girls thrive as equal citizens: socially, culturally, economically and politically;
- Interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women, children and young people; and
- Men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response.

Equally Safe South Lanarkshire: Preventing and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2025-2030

The Equally Safe Delivery Plan 2024 sets out seven priorities to achieve these aims:

- **Priority 1** - Preventing VAWG before it occurs;
- **Priority 2** – Support early intervention;
- **Priority 3** – Build a broad and shared understanding across our society and communities of what VAWG is, how it affects those who have experienced it, its impact on society more generally, the scale of the problem, and what cause it – so that we can reduce the harm together;
- **Priority 4** – Build political, institutional, sectoral, organisational, community and personal commitment, and contribution to preventing and tackling violence against women and girls (VAWG);
- **Priority 5** - Hold perpetrators of VAWG to account, supporting change where possible;
- **Priority 6** - Deliver sustainable, informed and safe specialist and universal service responses for victim/survivors' that are holistic, and meet victim/survivors' individual needs; and
- **Priority 7** - Promote an intersectional approach to preventing, reorganising and responding to the compounding inequalities and risks that some women, children and young people may experience as a result of their ethnicity, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or immigration status.

Equally Safe South Lanarkshire: Preventing and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2025-2030

Equally Safe 2023 recognises VAWG as a major public health issue and has made a commitment to adopting a public health approach to tackling VAWG, which focusses on primary prevention.

The VAWG Partnership agrees that best practice dictates that our local strategy aligns with the National Equally Safe Strategy 2023 and Equally Safe Delivery Plan. Our vision is of a strong and flourishing South Lanarkshire, where all individuals are equally safe and respected, and where women and girls live free from all forms of violence and abuse. The strategy and supporting action plan will continue to realise our vision.

The Equally Safe Strategy covers the following areas:

- Introduction and Vision;
- Legislation and National Policy;
- What is Violence Against Women?;
- Social Lanarkshire population profile and key facts;
- Governance and Accountability;
- Links to other Strategic Plans; and
- Priorities – Performance Framework.

Equally Safe South Lanarkshire: Preventing and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2025-2030

Status of Equally Safe Strategy

The 2025/2030 strategy was presented to the Chief Officers Group (Public Protection) on 20 August 2025 for approval (see attached below). The supporting action plan has been drafted and will be shared for comment. The action plan will be brought to subsequent meetings of the Chief Officers Group (Public Protection) and the CPP.



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South Lanarkshire Community Justice Partnership

The Community Justice Partnership is “a collection of individuals, agencies and services that work together to support, manage and supervise people who have committed offences, from the point of arrest, through prosecution, community disposal or custody and alternatives to these, until they are reintegrated into the community.

Local communities and the third sector are a vital part of this process which aims to prevent and reduce further offending and the harm that it causes, to promote desistance, social inclusion, and citizenship.”

The Partnership Board meets every quarter to ensure it continues to succeed in achieving both national outcomes and local priorities.

National Strategy for Community Justice



Vision

Scotland is a safer, fairer and more inclusive nation where we:

- prevent and reduce further offending by addressing its underlying causes; and
- safely and effectively manage and support those who have committed offences to help them reintegrate into the community and realise their potential for the benefit of all citizens.

Priorities

The National Strategy's vision and mission statement is delivered by prioritising action in the following areas:

- improved community understanding and participation;
- strategic planning and partnership working;
- effective use of evidence-based interventions; and
- equal access to services.

National Strategy's National Aims and Priority Actions

National aim	Priority action
1. Optimise the use of diversion and intervention at the earliest opportunity	1. Enhance intervention at the earliest opportunity by ensuring greater consistency, confidence in and awareness of services which support the use of direct measures and diversion from prosecution
	2. Improve the identification of underlying needs and the delivery of support following arrest by ensuring the provision of person-centred care within police custody and building upon referral opportunities to services including substance use and mental health services
2. Ensure that robust and high quality community interventions and public protection arrangements are consistently available across Scotland	3. Support the use of robust alternatives to remand by ensuring high quality bail services are consistently available and delivered effectively
	4. Strengthen options for safe and supported management in the community by increasing and widening the use of electronic monitoring technologies
	5. Ensure that those given community sentences are supervised and supported appropriately to protect the public, promote desistance from offending and enable rehabilitation by delivering high quality, consistently available, trauma-informed services and programmes
	6. Ensure restorative justice is available across Scotland to all those who wish to access it by promoting and supporting the appropriate and safe provision of available services
3. Ensure that services are accessible and available to address the needs of individuals accused or convicted of an offence	7. Enhance individuals' access to health and social care and continuity of care following release from prison by improving the sharing of information and partnership-working between relevant partners
	8. Ensure that the housing needs of individuals in prison are addressed consistently and at an early stage by fully implementing and embedding the Sustainable Housing on Release for Everyone (SHORE) standards across all local authority areas
	9. Enhance individual's life skills and readiness for employment by ensuring increased access to employability support through effective education, learning, training, career services and relevant benefit services
	10. Enhance community integration and support by increasing and promoting greater use of voluntary throughcare and third sector services
4. Strengthen the leadership, engagement, and partnership working of local and national community justice partners	11. Deliver improved community justice outcomes by ensuring that effective leadership and governance arrangements are in place and working well, collaborating with partners and planning strategically
	12. Enhance partnership planning and implementation by ensuring the voices of victims of crime, survivors, those with lived experience and their families are effectively incorporated and embedded
	13. Support integration and reduce stigma by ensuring the community and workforce have an improved understanding of and confidence in community justice

Local Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 2024-2029



Our South Lanarkshire Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP) has been developed to acknowledge national statutory guidance and identified two local priorities.

- **Young people** and **people in custody** were identified as local priorities with a focus for both male and female who enter the justice system.
- Priorities were identified by using both analytical analysis and professional knowledge.
- Performance framework developed to measure progress through ongoing evaluation, with the objective to:
 - Determine whether the priority actions are being effectively progressed;
 - Consider factors underpinning variance against set indicators; and
 - Identify the need to review actions, indicators or targets if appropriate.

Achievements to date

AYE Service

The SACRO AYE Service was awarded a contract by the South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (SLADP) to deliver a service focused on three justice routes: Arrest Referral; Diversion from Prosecution; and Bail Supervision, all which reflect the aims in supporting the National Strategy for Community Justice.

A process has been established within Motherwell Police Station which allows us to approach people whilst they are in custody. A dedicated member of staff follows up at court to gain further information on how those referred are progressing through the system. This has resulted in our ability to streamline the process of follow-up visits and dedicate resources to those released back into our communities.

Achievements to date

South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Problem-Solving Court

A two-year pilot in operation since December 2023.

Findings of a mid-term report found that SLADPSC had achieved systemic and individual success. Both qualitative and statistical data reported improvements in the lives of service users with offending behaviour and substance use.

The report noted that the ADPSC is making a positive contribution to the wider criminal justice system and to those with lived experience and offered several recommendations, including:

- Continued dialogue between South Lanarkshire Justice Social Work;
- Courts should be initiated to find potential solutions to the issues of court loading; and
- Insufficient capacity to ensure that service user reviews are not delayed.

New Developments

National Throughcare Programme (Upside)

Funded by the Scottish Government with a £5.3 million annual investment through SACRO a community justice organisation that delivers life-changing services to help build safer communities.

The Upside programme, introduced on 1 April 2025, is now available across Scotland and is being embedded throughout Scotland's prison estate and community networks.

Its consistent national structure is being delivered through locally focused “pods”, connecting the partnership organisations with Community Justice Partnerships, recovery networks and local services, including here in South and North Lanarkshire.

Looking ahead : Reset, Refocus, Regroup

- Development Session being held on 17 September 2025 with partners and key stakeholders.
- Agenda will include the Care Inspectorate's Core Assurance Framework which supports care services in self-evaluating to ensure their compliance with national standards.
- This will lead into a Self-Evaluation for the Community Justice Partnership to ensure improvement is achieved.
- The Self-Evaluation will be based on three key questions:
 - How are we doing?
 - How do we know?
 - What are we going to do next?



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Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) Quarter 1 Report 2025/26

Water Safety Scotland (WSS) provides support to local PAWS groups and issued their Quarter 1 update on 2 July 2025. Key points include:

- WSS released an Open-water swimming safety video that was made with the help of Jenny Paterson from Wild Wimmin Swimmin;
- The fourth Water Safety Open Day, in support of World Drowning Prevention Day, took place at Loch Lomond Shores on 25 July 2025. This event was an educational and fun day for all, raising awareness of water safety and the invaluable drowning prevention work taking place in Scotland;
- WSS will focus on two more high risk topics over the summer months: Alcohol safety and Angling safety;

Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) Quarter 1 Report 2025/26

Key points continued:

- Planning for the next remit of Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy is underway led by RoSPA, the group is working to review aims and visions for the next strategy;
- WSS is hosting a Policy Workshop for local authorities in October 2025, to provide advice on water safety policies. More information on this will be sent to PAWS groups in due course; and
- The Personal Rescue Equipment Vandalism data gathering project remains open until 31 August 2025. Local PAWS groups are encouraged to report any incidents of vandalism within their area.



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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Board 2026 Meeting/ Development Session Dates
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	Provide the Partnership Board with the proposed meeting and Development Session dates for 2026.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation:- (1) that the Partnership Board and Development Session dates for 2026 be noted.
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles.
Summary of Report:	Paragraph 3.2. sets out the proposed dates for Board meetings and Development Sessions during 2026.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Board 2026 Meeting/ Development Session Dates
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with the proposed meeting and Development Session dates for 2026.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation:-

- (1) that the Partnership Board and Development Session dates for 2026 be noted.

3. Meeting/Development Session Dates 2026

3.1. At the Partnership Board on 9 September 2020, it was agreed that the number of annual board meetings should be reduced from six to four and that two development sessions should be scheduled in advance.

3.2. The proposed Partnership Board/Development Session dates for 2026 are as follows:-

- Wednesday, 18 March 2026 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday, 13 May 2026 (Board Development Session);
- Wednesday, 17 June 2026 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday, 9 September 2026 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday, 21 October 2026 (Board Development Session); and
- Wednesday, 16 December 2026 (Board Meeting).

4. Development Sessions – Proposed Themes

4.1. Consideration is being given to the proposed themes for the two Development Sessions due to be held on 13 May and 21 October 2026 and proposed agendas will be provided to the Board at a later date.

5. Venue and timings

5.1. At the Partnership Board on 14 September 2022, it was agreed to continue holding the Board Meetings online and that the Board would meet in person for the Development Sessions. Accommodation has been arranged for the two Development Sessions.

- 5.2. All meetings and Development Sessions will commence at 1pm.
- 5.3. The Board is asked to note these dates in their diary and invitations will be circulated in due course.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no issues in terms of risk associated with this report.

10. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

- 10.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report.

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of meeting:	17 September 2025
Subject:	South Lanarkshire Register of Information
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: jennifer.kerr@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information circulated to Community Planning Partners.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report be noted.
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	♦ All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	♦ Details of information circulated to Community Planning Partners which gives partners an opportunity to seek clarification or an update on any matters contained therein

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 September 2025
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	South Lanarkshire Register of Information
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information circulated to Community Planning Partners.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the content of the report be noted.

3. Background

3.1. This report provides a summary of the information circulated to Community Planning Partners and gives partners an opportunity to seek clarification or an update on any matters contained therein.

4. Period covered – 24 May to 22 August 2025

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 24 May to 22 August 2025.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

8. Other Implications

8.1. There are no issues in terms of risk associated with this report.

9. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

9.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or Consultation implications associated with this report.

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Register of Information circulated to the Partnership

24 May to 22 August 2025

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
29/05/25	Marmot Place Programme - Health Inequalities in Scotland First Report	Institute of Health Equity/Public Health Scotland	Publication of the Institute of Health Equity (led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot) and Public Health Scotland's first national report regarding the Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES). This introductory report summarises the initial phase of the work and provides an overview of inequalities in health across Scotland and within the three collaborating places of Aberdeen City, North Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire: health-inequalities-in-scotland-first-report	Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board, Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
02/06/25	Water Safety Scotland WAID Trend Report	Water Safety Scotland	Publication of Water Safety Scotland's WAID Trend Report detailing the 2024/25 water related fatalities in Scotland: Data Reports Water Safety Scotland	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
20/06/25	Scotland's Population Health Framework	Scottish Government/ COSLA	Publication of the Population Health Framework which sets out the Scottish Government's and COSLA's long-term collective approach to improving Scotland's health and reducing health inequalities for the next decade: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population Health Framework • Supporting Sector Summaries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Local Government ◦ NHS ◦ Community and Voluntary Sector ◦ Business Sector • Evidence Paper 	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
20/06/25	Scotland's Public Service Reform Strategy: Delivering for Scotland	Scottish Government	Publication of the Scottish Government's Public Service Reform Strategy which sets out commitments to change the system of public services - to be preventative, to better join up and to be efficient - in order to better deliver for people. It	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
			sets out how they will tackle systemic barriers to change: Scotland's Public Service Reform Strategy: Delivering for Scotland - gov.scot	
20/06/25	Regen:fx Youth Worker Vacancy	South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership	Advertisement circulation for the vacancy of Youth Worker within the Regen:fx GIVIT Project.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
26/6/26	Partner Consultations: SFRS and SLC	Scottish Fire and Rescue Services and South Lanarkshire Council	<p>Planning Services Local Development Plan Topic Papers – South Lanarkshire Council – closed 18 July 2025: https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200305/development-plans/2254/local-development-plan-3-1-dp3</p> <p>SFRS Service Delivery Review Public Consultation – closes 16 September 2025: https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/news/service-delivery-review-a-public-consultation-by-the-scottish-fire-and-rescue-service/</p> <p>Just Transition Consultation – South Lanarkshire Council – no closing date specified: Just Transition Consultation - South Lanarkshire Council</p>	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information/further circulation.
04/07/25	Fairer Futures Partnership Programme: Evaluation Strategy	Scottish Government	<p>Publication of the Scottish Government's Fairer Futures Partnership Programme Evaluation Strategy which sets out the approach to evaluating this programme to build a better understanding of how to effect the transformational change needed to build services that work for people and support them to move out of poverty sustainably: https://www.gov.scot/publications/fairer-futures-partnership-programme-evaluation-strategy/</p>	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
10/07/25	Mobility and Access Committee for	Transport Scotland	Publication of Transport Scotland's Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland (MACS) Annual	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
	Scotland (MACS) Annual Report 2024-25		Report 2024/25 detailing their dedication to ensuring that the transport needs of disabled people are met across Scotland: https://www.transport.gov.scot/publication/mobility-and-access-committee-for-scotland-annual-report-2024-2025/	information.
18/07/25	An Invite to Skills Development Scotland Research Webinars	Skills Development Scotland	Invitation to attend Skills Development Scotland's Research Webinars regarding Gender Stereotyping in Careers and Understanding Young People's Career Ambitions taking place on 12 and 22 August 2025 respectively.	Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board, Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
24/07/25	CPP Board Development Session Update/ Reports for Information	South Lanarkshire Council	Update on the CPP Board Climate and Nature Development Session with young people due to be held on 22 October 2025 which will now take place at 4.30pm within Holy Cross High School, Hamilton and the publication of the following two reports for information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Government's Scotland's Public Service Reform Strategy: Delivering for Scotland Publication of the Scottish Government's Public Service Reform Strategy which sets out commitments to change the system of public services - to be preventative, to better join up and to be efficient - in order to better deliver for people. It sets out how they will tackle systemic barriers to change. Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report 2024-2025: Realistic Medicine - Critical Connections which details the principles which enable careful and kind care; suggests what can be done to support healthy ageing and encourage greater upstream prevention; discusses how connection to nature can enhance both our own and our planet's well-being; and the importance of relational continuity. This also aligns with the 	Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
			Marmot Place Programme approach.	
15/08/25	Stigma Free Opportunities	Stigma Free Lanarkshire	Details of the People's Stigma Free Network which connects individuals and collective action as part of a wider movement for equity and understanding and the Understanding Mental Health Stigma Workshops taking place from September 2025 to January 2026 which explores the impact of stigma and discrimination on every aspect of people's lives.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
15/08/25	NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement Training Calendar	NHS Lanarkshire	Publication of NHS Lanarkshire's Health Improvement Training Calendar for September – December 2025: https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/download/nhsl-health-improvement-training-calendar/	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
15/08/25	First Minister's Whole Family Support Event: June Leadership Event Outputs and September Practitioner Event Reminder	Scottish Community Planning Network	Details of the outputs from the First Minister's Whole Family Support Leadership Event and reminder regarding the First Minister's Whole Family Support Practitioners Event shared by the Scottish Government: John Swinney pledges 'whole family support' across Scotland The Herald	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.

